# Exhibit 1

# Deposition Transcript of Davita Key

June 20, 2022

1	Page 1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	1	Page 3  IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED
2	FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA	2	that notice of filing of the deposition by the
3	NORTHERN DIVISION	3	Commissioner is waived.
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5	CASE NUMBER: 2:19-CV-767-ECM	5	
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7	DAVITA M. KEY,	7	
8	Plaintiff,	8	
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10	HYUNDAI MOTOR MANUFACTURING, ALABAMA, LLC;	10	
11	HYUNDAI ENG, AMERICA, INC.; and DYNAMIC	11	
12	SECURITY, INC.,	12	
13	Defendants.	13	
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15	DEPOSITION OF	15	
16	DAVITA M. KEY	16	
17	June 20, 2022	17	
18	9:27 a.m.	18	
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20	The deposition of DAVITA M. KEY was	20	
21	taken before Sabrina Lewis, CCR, RDR, CRR, on	21	
22	June 20, 2022, by the defendants, commencing at	22	
23	approximately 9:27 a.m., at Hyundai Motor	23	
24	Manufacturing, Montgomery, Alabama, pursuant to	24	
25	the stipulations set forth herein.	25	
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3 4	IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by and	4	APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF:
5	between the parties through their respective	5	Leslie Ann Palmer, Esq.
6	counsel that the deposition of DAVITA M. KEY may	6	Palmer Law, LLC
	be taken before Sabrina Lewis, Certified Court	7	104 23rd Street South, Suite 100
7	Reporter, Notary Public, State of Alabama at		Birmingham, Alabama 35233
8	Large, at the law offices of Hyundai Motor	8	205-285-3050
9	Manufacturing, Montgomery, Alabama, on June 20,	10	leslie@palmerlegalservices.com
10	2022, at 9:27 a.m.  IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED		Hankhau Namara Tannand Elas
11		11	Heather Newsom Leonard, Esq.
12	that the signature to and reading of the	12	Heather Leonard P.C.
13	deposition by the witness is not waived, the	13	2105 Devereux Circle, Suite 111
14	deposition to have the same force and effect as	14	Birmingham, Alabama 35243
15	if full compliance had been had with all laws	15	205-977-5421
16	and rules of court relating to the taking of	16	heather@heatherleonardpc.com
17	depositions.	17	
18	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED	18	APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT, HYUNDAI
19	that it shall not be necessary for any	19	MOTOR MANUFACTURING ALABAMA, LLC:
20	objections to be made by counsel to any	20	David J. Middlebrooks, Esq.
21	questions, except as to form or leading	21	Lehr Middlebrooks Vreeland & Thompson, P.C.
22	questions, and that counsel for the parties may	22	P.O. Box 11945
23	make objections and assign grounds at the time	23	Birmingham, Alabama 35202-1945
24	of trial, or at the time said deposition is	24	205-326-3002
25	offered in evidence, or prior thereto.	25	dmiddlebrooks@lehrmiddlebrooks.com
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5	T. Matthew Miller, Esq.		6	Dynamic Security, Inc., Acknowledgment and	
6	Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP		0	Receipt of Employee Handbook, Bates Dynamic-Key 000041 through 000042; Dynamic	
7	One Federal Place		7	Security Officer's Handbook, Bates	
8			8	Key 000332 through 000382	
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9	Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2119		9	CONFIDENTIAL, Hyundai Engineering	
10	205-521-8000		10	America, Inc., Employee Handbook, Bates HEA0004 through 0005	
11	mmiller@bradley.com		11	Exhibit Number 12	56
12			12	Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, Alabama Safety, Security and Fire Protection	
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14	SECURITY, INC.:		13		
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15	Wesley C. Redmond, Esq.			Commission Intake Questionnaire, Bates	
16	Ford Harrison LLP		15 16	Key 000049 through 000056 Exhibit Number 14	67
17	420 20th Street North, Suite 2560		1.0	EEOC Charge of Discrimination, Bates	0/
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19	205-244-5905		18	Exhibit Number 15 EEOC Charge of discrimination Bates	69
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Q. Okay. I'll show it to you.

Since we've got three defendants, I'm

- 3 going to try to be specific when I'm referring
- 4 to one of the companies, and I'd ask that you do
- 5 the same thing if you would. Fair enough?
- 6 A. Okay.

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- 7 Q. You understand you're under oath today
- 8 just as you would be at trial?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. If you don't understand any of my
- 11 questions, if you ask me to repeat them or
- 12 rephrase them, I'll be glad to do so. But if
- 13 you don't ask me to repeat or rephrase a
- 14 question, I'm going to assume you understood the
- 15 question and you're responding to the question.
- 16 Is that fair?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Is there any way that you're impaired
- 19 today that would affect your ability to testify?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Are you taking any medication today
- 22 that would affect your ability to testify?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. How are you feeling today?
- 25 A. Fine.

- 1 A. The full -- I reviewed the complaint
- 2 that's filed in this action and also the
- 3 information as far as just the things that I've
- 4 submitted to my attorneys as far as like the
- 5 supporting documents.
- 6 Q. And other than what you reviewed to
- 7 prepare for your deposition, have you reviewed
- 8 any documents related to this case in the past
- 9 month?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Now, as I understand it, you're suing
- 12 for pregnancy discrimination, race
- 13 discrimination, and retaliation; is that
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And the termination of your assignment
- 17 to the mail room at HMMA in August 2017, is that
- 18 the only event about which you complained in
- 19 this litigation?
- 20 A. Can you like -- when you say -- can you
- 21 rephrase? What do you mean the only event as
- 22 far as --
- 23 Q. Well, you're suing three defendants.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. You say you were terminated; is that

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- 1 Q. Good. You can comfortably read or
- 2 write?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. If you need to take a break at any
- 5 point, just let me know. We can do so. I do
- 6 ask, if I have a question for you, if you would7 answer the question before we take a break. Is
- 8 that fair?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And again, we're not going to hopefully
- 11 take too many breaks because we'd like to get
- 12 the deposition moving along, but I don't want
- 13 you to be uncomfortable. So if you do need a
- 14 break, as I say, just speak up.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. What documents did you review to
- 17 prepare for this deposition?
- 18 A. I reviewed the complaint that I
- 19 submitted to the EEOC.
- 20 Q. The complaint to the EEOC or the
- 21 complaint that's filed in this action?
- 22 A. The complaint that's filed in this
- 23 action.
- 24 Q. Okay. That's the only document you
- 25 reviewed?

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. You're suing about the termination?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you say you were terminated because
- 6 of your race, your pregnancy, and in
- 7 retaliation?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Are you suing about any event other
- 10 than your termination?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Now, according to your complaint, your
- 13 assignment to the mail clerk position at HMMA
- 14 began about July 31, 2017?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And your assignment ended on or about
- 17 Tuesday, August 2nd, 2017?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. When did it end?
- 20 A. August 1st.
- 21 Q. So in your complaint at paragraph 102,
- 22 it references August 2, 2017, as the end date of
- 23 your assignment. Do you know why that's in your
- 24 complaint?
- 25 A. No.



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1	Can I see it? Do you have it?	1 After August 1, you never came back out			
2	Q. Yeah, I'll give it to you. I'll go	2 to this plant again?			
3	ahead and give it to you.	3 A. No.			
4	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: We'll mark this as				
5	Defendants' Exhibit Number 1.	5 A. Today.			
6	(Defendants' Exhibit 1 was marked	6 Q. Today.			
7	for identification.)	7 I want to go through the process you			
8	Q. So just look at paragraph 102, page 14.	8 went through, sort of redundant, but the process			
9	A. Yeah, I saw it.	9 of becoming employed by Dynamic Security.			
10	<ul> <li>Q. Do you know why it states August 2nd</li> </ul>	10 First, how did you learn of the			
11	was the end point as opposed to August 1?	11 opportunity?			
12	A. I don't know why. I don't know why it	12 A. Indeed.com.			
13	says that. But they on August 1st, they told	13 Q. And Indeed is an online tool that you			
14	me they were not going to they didn't want me	e 14 can apply for jobs through?			
15	here.	15 A. Yes.			
16	Q. Okay.	16 Q. And what job did Indeed state that you			
17	The court reporter will get this.	17 were applying for?			
18	A. Oh.	18 A. It said I'm not sure. I don't I			
19	<ul><li>Q. We may refer to that again.</li></ul>	19 mean, I'm not sure.			
20	A. Okay. I'll just leave it right here.	20 Q. Okay. Did you know that the job was			
21	Q. So how many days did you actually go	21 Dynamic Security?			
22	out to the HMMA plant?	22 A. Yes.			
23	A. Two.	23 Q. Did you know it was a mail room job?			
24	Q. And that was on the 31st of July and	24 A. Yes.			
25	the 1st of August?	25 Q. Is the mail room job what you wanted?			
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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And why did you want that particular 3 job?

A. There's -- I mean, there's no like -- I

5 just wanted a job. And that was a job that I

6 knew that I had experience in.

Q. What were your goals in coming to work 7

8 for Dynamic Security? A. To -- you mean as far as like career

10 goals or --

11 Q. Yeah, what did you want to do with

12 Dynamic Security? Just stay a mail room clerk

or was there something else you hoped to do?

14 A. I wanted to reach my full potential.

15 Q. And what kind of assignments with

16 Dynamic Security would you want to have that

17 would help you reach your full potential?

A. I don't -- I think that because with --

19 I mean, with any job, you -- I mean, advancement

20 can be in different places and different areas.

21 So I don't think that I can say one way or the

22 other because with -- like, you know, as the

23 years progress, you don't know what

24 opportunities may arise, so.

25 Q. Okay. Did Ms. Robinson ever tell you

A. Yes.

Q. You had never been to the plant before 3 July 31?

A. No. I came here July -- I don't know.

5 I think it was the 19th, for my interview.

Q. Okay. And you came to this building 7 we're in right now?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. For the record, we're in the

10 Security Building. Is that your understanding,

this is the Security Building?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. This is where you came and interviewed?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Who did you interview with?

16 A. Gloria Robinson.

17 Q. Anybody else?

A. Maurice Chambliss was sitting in on the 18

19 interview.

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20 Q. Who did they work for, if you know?

21 A. Gloria Robinson said that she worked

22 for Dynamic Security.

Q. How about Mr. Chambliss?

24 A. Dynamic Security.

Q. Okay. And after July 31 -- excuse me.



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Page 23 Page 21 you would have a chance to advance? mail room area? 1 2 A. Yes. A. Yes. 3 3 Q. Where? Q. Did she say you were likely to advance 4 frequently? 4 A. My trainer, she took me to -- just to 5 like different buildings on the first day within A. Yes. the first 30 minutes I was with her. 6 Q. Did she tell you to what jobs? 7 7 Q. Would those be buildings you would take 8 mail to? 8 Q. So you interviewed with Ms. Robinson 9 and Mr. Chambliss sometime around July 19? A. Yes. Q. Who trained you? 10 A. Yes. 10 A. LaTonya Howell. 11 Q. And they later -- who made you an 11 12 12 offer? Q. Who did she work for? If you know. 13 A. Gloria Robinson. 13 A. I -- Dynamic Security. (Defendants' Exhibit 2 was marked Q. Did you speak to anybody else about the 14 14 15 for identification.) 15 opportunity? A. When you say -- I mean, what -- when Q. Let me show you what we'll mark as 17 you say did I speak to anybody else -- about 17 Defendants' Exhibit Number 2. And it says it's 18 working for Dynamic? Like working with the job? a Pre-Application Screening Form. And I've got a second page which I think is actually a 19 Or did anybody else offer me --20 Q. Well, other than Mr. Chambliss and 20 page from the application. 21 Ms. Robinson, did you speak to anybody else 21 The Pre-Application Screening Form is before you accepted the job? 22 Bates-numbered Dynamic-Key 28. And the second 23 A. No. page is a document produced by your counsel 24 Q. And did they tell you what your pay 24 Bates-numbered Key 13. 25 would be? 25 Let me show it to you and ask you if Page 22 Page 24 A. Yes. 1 1 you recognize it. Q. Did they tell you what your benefits 2 A. Yes. 2 3 Q. And is it your writing on both of these 3 would be? 4 A. They gave me a paper, like the benefits 4 pages? A. Yes. sheet from the -- so yes, they did. Q. What benefits did Dynamic provide you? 6 Q. Did anybody tell you what to write? 7 7 A. Medical, like health insurance. 8 Q. On the first page, it says "position Q. Okay. And did they tell you where you would be working physically? 9 applied for." You see it says "mail room 10 clerk"? 10 A. Yes. Q. And where would that be? 11 A. Yes. 11 12 A. The mail room. 12 Q. And, again, why did you pick that 13 Q. Where is that located? 13 position? A. The address they gave me was 14 A. Because I had experience in it. 15 Q. And you say in the next sentence "How

- 15 700 Hyundai Boulevard. 16 Q. Did you ever go to the mail room? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. And relative to the Security Building
- 19 where we are, where would it be, the best you 20 can describe it?
- 21
- A. I mean, probably like a ten-minute ride 22 from here. I don't really remember because that
- 23 was a long time ago.
- Q. Did you ever go anyplace at the HMMA plant other than the Security Building and the

- 16 did you hear of Dynamic Security?" You put down
- 17 "indeed.com." Had you known anything about
- 18 Dynamic Security other than from Indeed?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Then on the next page, what is that
- 21 document?
- 22 A. It's part of the employment
- 23 application.
- 24 Q. And that's your writing on the top part
- 25 of the page?



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1	A. Yes.	1	A. Yes.	
2	Q. And your signature at the bottom of the	2	Q. Who told you what hours you w	ould work?
3	page?	3	A. Ms. Robinson.	
4	A. Yes.	4	Q. Did anyone else?	
5	Q. And everything you put in the	5	A. Not that I recall.	
6	application you filled out again, we don't	6	Q. Were there any other particular	
7	have the first page of it, but was accurate?	7	offer you can remember other than wh	at you've
8	A. Yes.	8	told me?	
9	Q. Now, if you would, look at the third	9	A. No.	
10	paragraph above your signature. It says "I	10	(Defendants' Exhibit 3 was ma	arked
11	understand that compliance with the company's	11	for identification.)	
12	policies and procedures is a condition of my	12	Q. I show you what has been mar	ked as
13	employment." Did you read that when you signed	13	Defendants' Exhibit Number 3. And y	ou recognize
14	this?	14	this as a check and a pay stub?	
15	A. Yes.	15	A. Yes.	
16	Q. It also indicates in the last paragraph	16	Q. And who's this check from?	
17	that you are hired at will. Did you read that	17	A. It says Dynamic Security.	
18	when you signed it?	18	Q. Ms. Robinson had already told	you that
19	A. Yes.	19	you would be paid by Dynamic Securi	ity, didn't
20	Q. This shows a date of July 21, 2017. Is	20	she?	
21	that correct?	21	A. Yes.	
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. And it shows that you worked of	on July 31
23	Q. Had you already interviewed with	23	and August 1. And that's consistent v	•
24	Ms. Robinson? Or could this be the date you	24	_	•
25	interviewed?	25	A. Yes.	
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1	Page 26 A. I had already interviewed with her.	1	Q. Did you ever get a check from a	Page 28 nyone
2	Q. Did you ever fill out a job application	2	else associated with your assignment t	•
3	for HEA, America ENG, America?	3	room?	
4	A. Not that I recall.	4	A. No.	
5	Q. Did you ever fill out an application	5	(Defendants' Exhibit 4 was mar	ked
6	for HMMA?	6	for identification.)	
7	A. Not that I recall.	7	Q. Let me show you what we'll mar	k as
8	Q. During the interview process with	8	Defendants' Exhibit Number 4. Do you	
9	Ms. Robinson and Mr. Chambliss Mr. Chambliss,	9	this two-page document that's Bates-ne	•
10	was he in a unform when you interviewed?	10	254-255?	ambered rey
11	A. I don't remember.	11	A. Yes.	
12	Q. Was Ms. Robinson in a uniform?	12	Q. And when I refer to Bates numb	ore I'm
13	A. She had on pants and a polo shirt.	13		
14	Q. During the interview, were you given		talking about these little numbers in th	e bollom
l		14	right-hand corner.	
15	any documents by Mr. Chambliss or Ms. Robinson?	15	A. Okay.	lab at
16	A. No.	16	Q. They're numbers that attorneys	
17	Q. And Ms. Robinson is the one who made	17	documents so that we can keep up wit	ın inem.
18	the offer to you?	18	A. Okay.	
19	A. Yes.	19	Q. Okay.	
20	Q. Did you ever speak to anyone else	20	This is dated July 21, 2017. So	tnat's
21	before you were made the offer?	21	the date she made you the offer?	
22	A. No.	22	A. Yes.	_
23	Q. The interview took place, I think you	23	Q. And was anything in your offer	of



25 Building?

24 already answered, in this building, Security

24 employment other than what is stated in this

25 email?

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1	Page 29 A. Can you I can't hear what you said.	1	Page 31 Exhibit 4, about reporting to the HMMA facility			
2	Q. I'm sorry. And please speak up if you	2	· -			
3		3	for your assignment?			
-	can	-	A. You said was I told anything?			
4	A. Okay.	4	Q. Anything other than what's in that			
5	Q because we've got a purifier going	5	email about your HMMA assignment.			
6	and we're wearing masks and all these kind of	6	A. Yes.			
7	things.	7	Q. What were you told?			
8	Is there anything any terms of your	8	A. Gloria Robinson emailed me about the			
9	offer that were made to you that's not included	9	start date.			
10	in this email? Other than the benefits	10	Q. Okay. And who was to be your			
11	statement you said they gave you?	11	supervisor when you went to work?			
12	<ul> <li>A. I mean, this doesn't offer me anything.</li> </ul>	12	A. My immediate supervisor was Maurice			
13	It just says what I'm supposed to do.	13	Chambliss.			
14	Q. Okay.	14	Q. And who was his supervisor, if you			
15	A. So yes.	15	know?			
16	Q. And what else did you get besides the	16	A. I don't know who his supervisor was.			
17	benefits statement that was part of your offer?	17	Q. Did you report to anybody other than			
18	A. My pay.	18	Mr. Chambliss?			
19	Q. Okay.	19	A. I never reported to him.			
20	Now, you had to go to Hyundai or HMMA	1	Q. Did you report to anybody?			
21	training center for a safety class before you	21	A. Gloria Robinson.			
22	could begin work; is that correct?	22	Q. Was she the only one?			
23	A. Yes.	23	A. Yes.			
24	Q. Did you do that?	24	(Defendants' Exhibit 5 was marked			
25	A. Yes.	25	for identification.)			
23	71. 100.	23	ioi identification.)			

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- Q. And do you remember who taught the 1 2 class?
- A. No.
- Q. How many people were there?
- 5 A. I don't remember.
- 6 Q. And did you obtain a badge at some
- 7 point?
- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And where did you go to obtain the 10 badge?
- 11 A. At the security office.
- 12 Q. Where we are now?
- A. Yes. 13
- 14 Q. When you come in the door of the
- 15 Security Building, there's somebody sitting in a
- cubicle. Is that where you went and they took
- 17 your picture?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What did the badge say?
- 20 A. Hyundai.
- 21 Q. Did it say anything else?
- 22 A. I don't remember what else it said. It
- 23 had my name on it and Hyundai.
- 24 Q. Were you told anything other than
- 25 what's in the exhibit that you spoke about,

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- 1 Q. I want to show you what's marked as
  - Defendants' Exhibit Number 5. And this is a
  - document titled Plaintiff's Amended Initial
  - 4 Disclosures. And you understand you're the
  - 5 plaintiff?
  - 6 A. Yes.
  - 7 Q. And it is something I received from
  - 8 your attorneys, as noted on page 4. Have you
  - ever seen this document before today? 9
    - A. No.

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- 11 Q. Take a moment to look at it. I've got
- 12 a few questions to ask about it.
- 13 (Pause.)
- 14 Q. Have you finished looking at it?
  - A. Yes.
- 16 Q. There are seven people named in this
- 17 document; is that correct? Other than your
- 18 counsel.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. With respect to your assignment out at
- 21 HMMA in the mail room, did you ever talk to
- 22 anybody other than those persons listed in
- 23 Exhibit Number 5?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. If you look on the second page, it says



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1	Ray C	Cureton. And who is he?
2	A.	He worked at Dynamic Security.
3	Q.	And what was his job, if you know?
4	A.	I don't know.
5	Q.	And what was your reason for talking
6	with h	im?

- ason for talking
- 7 A. Because I asked to speak to human
- 8 resources.
- 9 Q. And he was human resources? Or that's
- 10 who they sent you to?
- A. I was told he was human resources. 11
- Q. Who told you that? 12
- 13 A. Gloria Robinson.
- Q. And where did you speak to Mr. Cureton? 14
- 15 A. At the Dynamic Security office.
- 16 Q. Which is where?
- 17 A. On Wares Ferry Road.
- 18 Q. And what did you speak to him about?
- 19 A. The events that transpired concerning
- my employment.
- 21 Q. And did you consider yourself as making
- 22 a complaint?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And did you make a written complaint?
- 25 A. Yes.

2 anyone?

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1 office.

- 2 Q. And what was your reason to talk with
- 3 her or have interaction with her?
- A. She sat in when I spoke with Mr. Ray
- 5 Cureton.

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- 6 Q. Do you know what her position was?
  - A. The office manager.
- 8 Q. And she just listened to your
- 9 complaint? Do you know if she did anything else
- 10 with it?
- 11 A. Told me not to file it.
  - Q. And why did she tell you not to file it
- 13 if she told you a reason?
- A. Because I had not been discriminated 14
- 15 against.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did she say why she thought
- 17 that?
- 18 A. Because she told me they didn't call me
- 19 a nigger.
- 20 Q. What race is Ms. Scavella?
- 21 A. African American.
- 22 Q. What race is Mr. Cureton?
- 23 A. White.
- Q. What race is Tonya? 24
- 25 A. African American.

Page 36 Q. And Cassandra Williams, who does she

1 2 work for?

- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. And why were you interacting with her?
- 5 A. Gloria Robinson interacted with her,
- asked her a question concerning me.
- 7 Q. And what was that question?
- 8 A. About my hair.
- 9 Q. Did you ever speak to Ms. -- you
- 10 actually spoke to Ms. Williams about your hair?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did you speak to Ms. Williams about
- 13 anything other than your hair?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. And who was present when you spoke to
- 16 Ms. Williams?
- A. Gloria Robinson. 17
- 18 Q. And on how many occasions did you speak
- 19 to Mr. Maurice Chambliss?
- 20 A. I talked to him once. No. I talked to
- 21 him twice.
- 22 Q. Was the first time the interview?
- 23 A. No, because he didn't say anything.
- 24 Q. Okay. What were the two occasions
- 25 where you talked with him?

Q. Do you know who he shared that with, if

5 stands for Last Name Unknown -- who is that 6 person?

A. No, I don't.

7 A. My trainer. 8 Q. Okay. She showed you those different

Q. And then Number 6, Tonya LNU -- that

- buildings and so forth?
- A. Yes. 10
- 11 Q. Where you would deliver mail. And who
- 12 did she work for?
- A. Dynamic Security. 13
- 14 Q. She wasn't your supervisor, was she?
- 15 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever see her other than on
- 17 those two days that you were out here on
- assignment? 18
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. And I say "out here" because we're
- 21 sitting at the HMMA plant. You understand that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Then Nicole Scavella, S-C-A-V-E-L-L-A,
- 24 who is she?
- A. She worked at the Dynamic Security 25



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- A. My first day at work and on August 1st.
- 2 Q. And what were the reasons you were
- 3 speaking to him on those occasions?
- 4 A. On my first day of work, to give him a
- 5 note from my doctor. And on August 1st, to tell
- 6 him I would like to speak with human resources.
- 7 Q. And did he send you to Ray Cureton?
- 8 A. No.

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- 9 Q. What did he do?
- 10 A. Called Gloria Robinson.
- 11 Q. And she sent you to Ray Cureton?
- 12 A. She told him to -- that I could go,
- 13 yes.
- 14 Q. What race is Mr. Chambliss?
- 15 A. African American.
- 16 Q. And what race is Ms. Williams?
- 17 A. African American.
- 18 Q. Gloria Robinson, we've already talked
- 19 about her. And you said she worked for Dynamic?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Who all did you share the information
- 22 with that you were pregnant? Out here. Not
- 23 personally.

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- 24 A. I told Gloria Robinson and Maurice and
- 25 then my trainer.

- 1 A. Because I told Ms. Robinson that I was
- 2 pregnant, and Ms. Robinson took my note and came
- 2 pregnant, and wis. Nobinson took my note and cam
- 3 back to her office shared with Ms. Williams to
- 4 give Ms. Williams the note.
  - Q. And do you know if Ms. Williams ever
- 6 shared that information with anybody else?
  - A. I don't know.

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- 8 Q. So to your knowledge, the only folks
- 9 physically working out here at the HMMA facility
- 10 that you told you were pregnant was Tonya,
- 11 Gloria Robinson, Maurice Chambliss; and, in
- 12 turn, Ms. Williams was told?
- 13 A. The only people I told was Gloria
- 14 Robinson, Maurice Chambliss, and Tonya.
- 15 Q. And do you know if anybody else was
- 16 told about it other than Ms. Williams?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- 18 Q. In the course of your two days that you
- 19 were out here at the HMMA plant, is there
- 20 anybody else you can recall speaking to at all
- 21 other than what's on this Defendants' Exhibit 5?
- 22 A. When you say speaking to, what do you
- 23 mean?
- 24 Q. If you spoke to anybody else that you
- 25 can recall.

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- A. Yes, Tonya.
   Q. Now, let me ask you. Ms. Cassandra
- 4 Williams, what race is she?
- 5 A. African American.
- 6 Q. So you told Gloria Robinson, Maurice
- 7 Chambliss, and Tonya that you were pregnant. Do
- 8 you know if they told anyone else?

Q. Trainer being Tonya?

- A. Gloria Robinson told Cassandra
- 10 Williams.
- 11 Q. And how did you know that?
- 12 A. Because she said it to me.
- 13 Q. "She" being Gloria?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What did she say, specifically?
- 16 A. She called me and asked me when my
- 17 child was due. And she was in the office with
- 18 Ms. Williams.
- 19 Q. And so you understood Ms. Williams
- 20 overheard that conversation?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you know for a fact Ms. Williams
- 23 overheard the conversation?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And how do you know that?

- Page 40 A. I said good morning to the person who
- A. I said good n
   took my ID picture.
- 3 Q. All right. Anything else?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Did you ever see any organizational
- 6 charts at any time during your assignment out at
- 7 Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, Alabama?
- 8 A. What do you mean by organizational
- 9 charts?
- 10 Q. Something that shows who reports to
- 11 whom and things of that nature?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Can you name anybody that you know for
- 14 a fact was actually employed directly by Hyundai
- 5 Motor Manufacturing, Alabama?
- 16 A. I don't -- I don't know who was
- 17 employed with them.
  - Q. To your understanding, who selected you
- 19 to be assigned to the mail room?
  - A. You say do I understand who selected
- 21 me?

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- 22 Q. Who assigned you that -- gave you that
- 23 assignment?
- 24 A. Do you mean person or company?
- 25 Q. Person.



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DA	IVITA M. KEY VS HYUNDAI MOTOR MA	NU	JFACTURING 41⊸
	Page 41		Page
1	A. Yes.	1	A. No.
2	Q. Who was that?	2	Q. How about HMMA?
3	A. Gloria Robinson.	3	A. No.
4	Q. Do you know what company assigned you?	4	Q. Now, Dynamic told you they would try to
5	Ms. Robinson worked for Dynamic; right?	5	send you out to some other jobs; is that
6	A. Yes.	6	correct?
7	Q. So were you assigned by Dynamic?	7	A. Yes.
8	A. Yes.	8	<ul> <li>Q. And you knew when you went to work for</li> </ul>
9	(Defendants' Exhibit 6 was marked	9	Dynamic, they can end one assignment, send yo
10	for identification.)	10	on a different one?
11	Q. I'll show you what's marked as	11	A. Yes.
12	Defendants' Exhibit Number 6.	12	Q. Did Dynamic ever send you on any other
13	So I'm showing you what's marked as	13	jobs?
14	Defendants' Exhibit Number 6. I represent that	14	A. No.
15	this is a diagram of the first floor of the	15	Q. Did you ever talk to anybody about
16	Administration Building. And you see in the	16	
17		17	A. Yes.
18	corner, it says "mail room"?	18	Q. Who did you speak to?
19	A. Yes.	19	• •
20	Q. Is that, in your recollection, is that	20	·
21	where the mail room was in this building, if you	21	
l	remember?	22	,
23	A. I don't remember.	23	9
24	Q. When did you first learn that your	24	• •
25	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	25	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
1	Page 42 Motor Manufacturing, Alabama would end?	1	Page · Q. Did anyone ever get back in touch with
2	A. August 1st.	2	you?
3	Q. And how did you learn that?	3	A. No.
4	A. Ray Cureton.	4	Q. Do you know what came of your complain
5	Q. And what specifically did he tell you?	5	that you provided to Mr. Cureton?
6	A. "They don't want you out there."	6	A. No.
7	Q. Did he say who "they" were?	7	Q. Now, you applied for unemployment
8	A. Gloria Robinson.	8	compensation after this, didn't you?
9	Q. Anyone else?	9	A. Yes.
10	A. He just said her by name.	10	Q. And you identified Dynamic as your
11	Q. And did he say why she didn't want you	11	employer to the State of Alabama?
12	out there?	12	•
13	A. Because of my hair and something else.	13	
14	Q. Did he say what something else was?	14	unemployment compensation is you were denied
15	A. He said he didn't want to get into it.	15	· · ·
16	Q. And that's the extent of what he said	16	•
17	about the reason?	17	
18	A. Yes.	18	
19	Q. Did anyone else give you a reason why	19	•
20	your assignment was ending?	20	•
21	A. No.	21	Defendants' Exhibit Number 7, Bates number Ke
22	Q. Did you speak to anyone else at Dynamic	22	129 and 130. So this was produced to me by yo
23	about that?	23	•
24	A. No.	24	
24	A. No.	25	A Voc

A. Yes.



Q. How about at HEA?

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Q.	And what is it?	

- 2 A. Yes. It's the hearing for my
- 3 unemployment.

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- 4 Q. It says "Appearances at the hearing:
- 5 claimant and employer representative." You were
- 6 the claimant. Who was the employer
- 7 representative?
- A. Ray Cureton. 8
- Q. And up above it says "Employer." It
- 10 identifies "Dynamic Security, Inc."?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So you were denied -- the outcome of
- 13 this is you were denied unemployment
- 14 compensation?
- A. Yes. 15

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Yes.

A. Yes.

A. Yes.

17 company's policies?

21 Dynamic Security's?

A. Yes.

19 discriminate.

3 the bottom.

- Q. Did you appeal at this stage? 16
- 17 A. This is not --
- MR. REDMOND: David, I've got a copy of 18
- 19 that if you want it. If you're fine with what
- you've got, that's fine. 20
- 21 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: We can look at it
- 22 during a break and substitute.

A. I was -- I'm sorry.

A. Yeah, I'm -- yeah.

23 A. Is there a second paper? Because this

Q. Well, it says "appeal rights" down at

Q. I mean, this was the paper I got --

A. So, yes, this said that I was denied.

Q. This was the paper that your counsel

Q. So was LaTonya the only other person 12 working in the mail room when you were there?

Q. When you were working for Dynamic at

15 the HMMA facility, did you ever see any policies

A. Dynamic Security about they don't

Q. And so the only policy you saw was

Q. And where did you see that policy?

25 the -- it's not a handbook but the papers they

A. In the employee handbook they -- well,

16 concerning pregnancy? Anybody's policies? Any

9 had given me, so that's why I was using it.

- 24 doesn't say I was -- oh, yeah, I see.
- 25 Q. Excuse me? Doesn't say what?

- Page 45 Page 47 give you that go with your -- that you have to
  - 2 sign to say that you're going to adhere to the
  - 3 rules for the position.
  - Q. You recall receiving a handbook from
  - 5 Dynamic?
  - A. Yes.
  - 7 Q. Do you recall getting a handbook from
  - 8 HEA?

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- 10 Q. Do you recall getting a handbook from
- 11 HMMA, Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, Alabama?
  - A. A safety handbook.
- 13 Q. So the only handbook you got from
- 14 Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, Alabama was a
- 15 safety handbook?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. And who gave that to you?
- 18 A. I got it when I went to my safety
- 19 training class.
- Q. To your knowledge, did everyone who 20
- 21 go -- went to that class get a copy?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And how many people were in that class? 23
  - A. I don't know.
- 25 Q. Do you know who their employers were?

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  - 2 Q. Did you speak to anybody at that class?
  - A. I said good morning. 3
  - 4 Q. That's it?

A. No.

- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So to your knowledge, what persons at
- 7 Dynamic knew you were pregnant?
- A. Gloria Robinson, LaTonya -- or Tonya --
- 9 and Maurice Chambliss.
- Q. To your knowledge, what persons at HEA 10
- 11 knew you were pregnant?
- 12 A. I don't know who worked for HEA.
  - Q. But you said Ms. Roberts -- excuse
- 14 me -- Ms. Williams --
- 15 A. I don't know who she worked for.
- Q. Okay. Do you have any knowledge of 16
- 17 anybody who worked for Hyundai Motor
- 18 Manufacturing, Alabama knowing you were
- 19 pregnant?
- 20 A. I don't know who works for them.
- 21 Q. You've told me all the people you've
- 22 talked to about your pregnancy?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. While you were out at the Hyundai Motor 24
- 25 Manufacturing, Alabama facility, what grooming

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1	policies did you ever see regarding your	1	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
2	employment, employment by Dynamic or your	2		
3	assignment at the facility out here?	3		
4	<ul> <li>A. Dynamic policy just was to be neatly</li> </ul>	4	4 (Defendants' Exhibit 8 was marked	
5	your appearance had to be neat.	5	for identification.)	
6	<ul> <li>Q. And tell me the circumstances of you</li> </ul>	6	6 Q. Exhibit 8. This document says	
7	seeing that policy.	7	7 "Appearance Standards for Security Personne	∍l,"
8	<ul> <li>A. It was in the handbook they provided</li> </ul>	8	8 three pages long and Bates numbers HEA 1, 2	2, and
9	me.	9	9 3.	1
10	Q. Did you ever see any other policy of	10	O Have you ever seen this document	
11	Dynamic about grooming?	11	1 before?	
12	A. No.	12	A. This is what was on the computer, the	İ
13	Q. Did you ever see any policies about	13	3 first page.	
14	grooming from HEA ENG, America?	14	4 Q. Just the first page?	
15	A. Who worked for HEA?	15	5 A. That's the only page I saw.	
16	Q. Well, I can tell you one person that	16	6 Q. Well, it says, okay, under "Female	
17	did, but	17	7 Officers, Hair," drop way down to the end of	
18	A. Okay.	18	8 that section, "Braids are permitted, but must be	oe
19	Q I'm not testifying. So I don't know	19	9 well groomed and kept. Dreads or dreadlocks	s
20	if I	20	20 hairstyle are prohibited." That's what you saw	v?
21	MS. PALMER: Just answer the questions	21	21 A. Yes.	
22	as best you can.	22	Q. She didn't show you the second page?	?
23	A. Okay. Can you repeat the question?	23	•	
24	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: What was the	24	Q. Look at the second page. Do you see	
25	question?	25		
	•		·	
1	Page 50 (Record read as follows:)	1		age 52
٦	"Ougstien: Did you over see any	2	2 A Van	

"Question: Did you ever see any

3 policies about grooming from HEA, ENG America?"

Q. (BY MR. MIDDLEBROOKS:) You answered.

Let me ask you. Did you ever see any

6 grooming policies that were provided to you by

7 Cassandra Williams?

8 A. Yes.

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9 Q. And did you get a copy of that?

10 A. No.

11 Q. What were the circumstances of you

12 seeing that?

13 A. I asked to see it.

14 Q. And did she show it to you?

15 A. Reluctantly.

16 Q. Well --

17 A. Yeah, she showed it to me.

18 Q. Okay. And what do you recall seeing

19 when you looked at it?

20 A. It was a document on her computer in

21 Microsoft Word that said uniformed officers,

2 females.

23 Q. And what do you recall it said?

24 A. Females could not wear dreadlocks.

Q. And it was on her computer?

2 A. Yes.

Q. Drop down about halfway in that

4 section, you'll see "Braids and/or dreads not

5 permitted." Did I read that correctly?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So for male officers, according to this

8 policy, dreadlocks were not permitted for them

9 either?

10 A. Yes, according to this policy.

11 (Defendants' Exhibit 9 was marked

12 for identification.)

13 Q. I'll show you what we're going to mark

14 as Defendants' Exhibit Number 9. And it's

15 Bates-numbered HMMA 0003.

16 (Pause.)

17 Q. I show you what's been marked as

8 Defendants' Exhibit Number 9, Bates-numbered,

19 again, HMMA 3. And it's entitled "Hyundai Motor

20 Manufacturing, Alabama PPE & Dress Code Matrix."

21 Ms. Key, have you ever seen Defendants'

22 Exhibit 9 before?

23 A. I don't know. I don't know if I've

24 seen this. I don't...

25 I don't -- I don't know. I don't



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DA	IVITA M. KEY vs HYUNDAI MOTOR MA	NU	FACTURING	53–56
1	Page 53 remember it.	1	there?	Page 55
1 2		1		aranh
3	Q. You don't remember one way or the other?	3	If you would, read the last para out loud.	grapn
1		4		inatad ar
5	A. Yeah, I don't remember.	1	A. "Your employment can be term	
	Q. Well, it says, the application, if you	5	suspended without cause and without	i notice at
6	look at the top, "Requirements for Entering the	6	any time at the option of Dynamic	andr an
7	Work Areas," and identifies "PPE required in	7	Security, Inc., referred to in the handle	ook as
8	production areas." You didn't work in the	8	Dynamic Security."	
9	production area, did you?	1	Q. Thank you.	har 272
10		10	Look, if you would, at Key num	
11	Q. Okay. It doesn't say anything about	11	And it's the policy, "Waiver of Trial by	/ Jury
12	•	12	Policy." Did you read that policy?	
13		13	A. Yes.	
14	, ,	14	Q. What was your understanding	as to what
15	,	15		
16	hair. The only thing it says, "Hair longer than	16	A. Waiver of trial by jury.	
17	•	17	May I say something?	
18	That's all it says, isn't it?	18	Q. Yes.	
19		19	A. For the last question you aske	a.
20		20	Q. Yes.	••
21	about dreadlocks, is there?	21	A. With the waiver of trial by jury,	
22	• •	22		
23	•	23	expeditious manner reflecting the inter-	erest of
24	•	24	•	
25	Q. I show you what's marked as Defendants'	25	Q. Okay.	
	Page 54		(D. C. )	Page 56
	Exhibit Number 10. Ms. Key, this is	1	(Defendants' Exhibit 11 was ma	rkea
	, , ,	2	for identification.)	
١.	first page, which is an acknowledgment. And	3	Q. I show you what's marked as De	
4 -	then on the next page, it's also Dynamic-Key	4	Exhibit Number 11. This is a one-page	
5	Bates number 42. Then the third page starts	5	than one page. It's actually two pages.	And on
	with Bates numbers Key 332 through 382.	6	the front it says "Hyundai Engineering	
7	Now, this appears to be an	7	America, Inc., Employee Handbook." A	and then the
8	acknowledgment for your receipt of Dynamic	8	next page is a Table of Contents.	_
	Security's employee handbook; is that correct?	9	Do you recall receiving that? Or	
10	A. Yes.	10	that the handbook you received from H	EA?
11	Q. That's your signature at the bottom?	11	A. No.	
12	A. Yes.	12	Q. You never saw this before?	
13	Q. And did you read it before you signed	13	A. No.	
14	it, the acknowledgment?	14	(Defendants' Exhibit 12 was ma	arked
15	A. Yes.	15	for identification.)	
16	Q. And the second page, which is	16	Q. I show you what's marked as De	
17	Dynamic-Key Bates number 42, that's your	17	Exhibit Number 12. Ms. Key, do you re	ecognize
18	signature as well?	18	this document entitled "Hyundai Motor	.,
19	A. Yes.	19	Manufacturing, Alabama Safety, Secur	ity and Fire
20	Q. And after that is the Dynamic handbook	20	Protection Handbook"?	
21	you were provided by Dynamic?	21	A. Yes.	
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. Is that the document you receive	ed when
23	Q. Did you read their handbook?	23	you went to safety training?	
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A. Yes.



Q. So look at page Key 334. Are you

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A. Yes.

Q. It's Bates-numbered Key 277 through

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		IVITA M. KEY VS HYUNDAI MOTOR MA	NU	June 20, 202 FACTURING 57–60
	7	Page 57	T 4	Page 59
	1 2	Key 331. And this is the only document you were	1	Q. To your knowledge, have you had any
	2	given by Hyundai?  A. Yes.	3	contact with anybody who worked for HMMA after
	4	Q. Look, if you would, to page Key 279.	4	August 1 or 2 of 2017?  A. I don't know who worked for them.
	5	Look at the bottom right-hand corner, if you	5	Q. When you filed or provided Mr. Cureton
	6	would.	6	with the written complaint, you included in
	7	A. Uh-huh.	7	there a claim you were discriminated against?
	8	Q. Would you read the first two sentences	8	A. Yes.
	9	of that section out loud.	9	<ul><li>Q. Do you know of anybody who was employed</li></ul>
	10	A. That starts with "welcome"?	10	by HMMA Hyundai Motor Manufacturing,
	11	Q. Yeah.	11	Alabama who knew you claimed to be
	12	A. "Welcome to Hyundai Motor	12	discriminated against back at that time?
	13	Manufacturing, Alabama, LLC. Our goal is to	13	A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat? You
-	14	provide a safe and hazard-free workplace for all	14	said
	15	•	15	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Could you read that
-	16	visitors, contractors, team members, and other individuals."	16	back.
-	17		17	(Record read as follows:)
	18	Q. "Here at Hyundai." Next page. End of the sentence.	18	•
-	19		19	"Question: Do you know of anybody
	l	A. Oh. "Here at Hyundai."		who was employed by HMMA who knew
	20	Q. If you would, under HMMA safety policy,	20	you claimed to be discriminated
	21	read the first sentence of that policy.	21	against back at that time?"  A. I don't know.
	22	A. Starting with "as"?	22	
	23	Q. Yes.	23	Q. Did anybody ever explain to you the
	24	A. "As a safety-focused automotive	24	relationship between Hyundai Motor
	25	manufacturer, one of our core values at Hyundai	25	Manufacturing, Alabama and HEA?
		Page 58		Page 60
-	1	Motor Manufacturing, Alabama, LLC (HMMA), is	1	A. Gloria Robinson just said that like
-	2	providing a safe and healthy environment for	2	we I would work out here at the site. Like
	3	team members, contractors, and visitors."	3	this would be my home site.
	4	Q. Then if you look at the on the same	4	Q. Okay. Ms. Robinson worked for Dynamic
	5	page but the second column, column over to the	5	Security; correct?
	6	right, in that first paragraph up there, it says	6	A. Yes.
	7	"all contractors." Do you see that?	7	Q. Do you know did anybody ever explain
	8	A. Yes.	8	to you the relationship between Hyundai Motor
ĺ	9	<ul> <li>Q. Would you read that sentence.</li> </ul>	9	Manufacturing, Alabama and HEA ENG?
	10	<ul> <li>A. "All contractors must attend safety</li> </ul>	10	A. No.
	11	orientation before starting work on the site.	11	<ul> <li>Q. Are you aware of Dynamic Security</li> </ul>
	12	Badges will" oh, you said just the first	12	providing manpower and staffing for companies
	13	sentence?	13	other than out here?
	14	Q. Yeah, that's	14	A. Yes.
	15	A. Okay.	15	Q. How do you know that?
	16	Q. So you never saw any other type of	16	A. Because they told me they could place
	17	handbook for HMMA, did you?	17	me another place.
	18	A. No.	18	Q. Did you ever ask Dynamic to place you
	19	Q. Since August 1 or 2 of 2017, have you	19	at some other assignment?
	20	had any contact with any present or former	20	A. I was told that they would place me
			1 .	



21 employee of Dynamic Security?

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A. I spoke with Ray Cureton and Nicole.

A. I don't know who worked for them.

24 or 2 of 2017 with anybody who worked for HEA? 24

Q. Have you had any contact since August 1 23

21 somewhere else. I inquired after they said

for identification.)

(Defendants' Exhibit 13 was marked

Q. I show you what's been marked as

22 that. So yes.

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- 1 Defendants' Exhibit Number 13. And it's the
- 2 intake questionnaire. It says "U.S. Equal
- 3 Employment Opportunity Commission Intake
- 4 Questionnaire." Do you recognize this document?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And to your understanding, what is it?
- A. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity
- 8 Commission Intake Questionnaire.
- Q. And where did you get that?
- 10 A. I can't hear -- I don't -- I didn't
- 11 hear what you said.
- 12 Q. I said where did you get that?
- 13 A. At the EEOC office.
- 14 Q. Office in what city? Birmingham?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Had you ever filed an EEOC charge
- 17 before?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Have you filed one since those you
- 20 filed against HMMA and Dynamic?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. You never filed a charge against HEA,
- 23 did you?

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- 24 MS. PALMER: Object to form.
- 25 You can answer. I'm sorry.

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  1 immediate supervisor" down toward the bottom,
- 2 and that's Maurice -- you identified "Maurice
- 3 Chambliss"?
- 4 A. Yes.
  - Q. Then go to the next page. "Name and
- 6 titles of persons responsible," midway down the
- 7 page under A. Do you see that?
- 8 A. You say under A, the letter A?
- 9 Q. Yeah.
- 10 A. Yes. Okay. Yes.
- 11 Q. You say "Ms. Cassandra Williams" --
- 12 that's where I see "AMCO." You see that?
- 13 A. Yes, I see that.
- 14 Q. And do you remember why you put AMCO?
- 15 A. I don't remember why.
- 16 Q. And "Ms. Gloria Robinson." So you've
- 17 already answered those are the two people you
- 18 consider responsible?
- 19 A. And their employers.
- 20 Q. It says, "What reasons were given to
- 21 you for the acts you consider discriminatory"
- 22 and "By whom?" Do you see Number 7?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. It says, "No reasons were given except
- 25 I was told the Koreans who own the company

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- A. No.
- Q. (BY MR. MIDDLEBROOKS:) All right.
- 3 Let's look down this document. First page is
- 4 Bates Key 49. Last page is Bates Key 56. And
- 5 under item 2, midway down the page, "I believe I
- 6 was discriminated against by the following
- 7 organizations: (Check those that apply)." And
- 8 you checked "Employer" and "Other." And there9 you write "Ms. Gloria Robinson and Ms. Cassandra
- 10 Williams." Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And why did you choose to name those
- 13 two people?
- 14 A. Because those were the two people who I
- 15 felt discriminated against me.
- 16 Q. Anyone else?
- 17 A. Their employers.
- 18 Q. Then it says "Organization Name:" You
- 19 just have "Hyundai." Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. You realize that there are numerous
- 22 organizations that have the name Hyundai in it?
- 23 A. Yes, it's possible. I specified by
- 24 putting the address.
- 25 Q. Okay. It says "Name and title of

- Page 64 1 didn't want BLKS" -- Blacks? Does that stand
- 2 for blacks?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. -- "wearing their hair a certain way."
- 5 Who told you that?
  - A. Gloria Robinson.
- 7 Q. Did anybody else tell you that?
  - A. No.
- 9 Q. Did she say where she knew that from?
- 10 A. She said they send memos.
- 11 Q. Did you see any memos?
- 12 A. I can only go by what she told me.
- 13 Q. You haven't seen any memos?
- 14 A. No.

- 15 Q. And she said "They send memos." Did
- 16 she say who "they" is?
- 17 A. You'd have to ask her that.
- 18 Q. Okay. I mean, when you say Koreans --
- 19 A. She said Koreans. So you would have --
  - Q. I mean, Koreans are like any
- 21 nationality. There's any number of Koreans, all
- 22 types of Koreans.
- 23 A. She said Koreans who owned the company.
- 24 Q. Which company?
- 25 A. You would have to ask her that



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1	guestion.

- Q. Okay. And on page 52, item 16, where
- 3 you reference filing "a complaint with Dynamic
- 4 Security, the agency I was hired through with
- 5 Dr. Ray Cureton on August 1, 2017," that's the
- 6 complaint you've already told me about; right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And then you signed this at the
- 9 bottom -- toward the bottom of that page on
- 10 August 2nd, 2017?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Let's go to Key Number 53. And that's
- 13 a typed narrative, single space, that goes from
- 14 53 to 56. Is that a document you provided EEOC?
- 15 A. You say is the one that was provided to
- 16 them?
- 17 Q. Is that the one you provided them?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Are these your words?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Did anybody have input into this

Q. Is everything in here, to your

Q. If you were writing this today, would

Q. Have you finished rereading the letter?

Q. Is everything, sitting here today, you

Q. Is there anything you would change?

Q. Look, if you would, on page Key 55.

Ms. Robinson talking about Koreans sending

Q. It says "Ms. Robinson went on to inform

Q. What's your understanding as to what

16 Midway down the page. This is going back to

me that Koreans were a different breed of

22 animals"? Is that what she said? "A different

you change anything in any way? You can

certainly take time to read it if you want to.

2 knowledge, truthful and accurate?

11 consider to be truthful and accurate?

memos, okay? Did you find that?

A. Yes, I see it.

23 breed of animals"?

A. Yes.

- 22 document?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Did you type it yourself?

(Pause.)

25 A. Yes.

A. Yes.

A. Yes.

A. Yes.

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- Page 65 1 she meant by that?
  - 2 A. You would have to ask her what she
  - 3 meant.
  - 4 Q. "And they send little memos." Did she
  - 5 explain what she meant by little memos?
  - 6 A. You will have to ask her what she meant 7 by that.
  - 8 Q. But you never saw any such memos like
  - 9 that?
  - 10 A. No.
  - 11 (Defendants' Exhibit 14 was marked12 for identification.)
  - 13 Q. I'm going to show you what's marked as
  - 14 Defendants' Exhibit Number 14. And this is the
  - 15 EEOC charge, Ms. Key, that you filed against
  - 16 Dynamic Security, Bates number Dynamic-Key 46
  - 17 and 47.
  - 18 Is this indeed the charge you filed
  - 19 against Dynamic Security?
  - 20 A. Yes. That's what it says, yes.
  - 21 Q. And looking at this today, is this a
  - 22 truthful and accurate statement?
  - 23 A. Yes.
    - Q. Okay. So it says on here, on the
  - 25 right-hand side, midway down, "Dates

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age oo

- 1 discrimination took place, earliest and latest."2 So that's an accurate statement of the dates?
  - A. July 31st and August 1st.
- 4 Q. That should be July 31st? Okay. And
- 5 August 1st.
- 6 In the second paragraph in the
- 7 narrative, it says "Later that morning, I was
- 8 sent home partially because of my hairstyle
- 9 (dreadlocks) of which I was questioned and
- 10 criticized by Robinson and Cassandra Williams
- 11 but mainly because I informed the employer that
- 12 I was pregnant."
- 13 So you thought it was more about your
- 14 pregnancy?
- 15 A. I think it was both.
- 16 Q. But it says "mainly." Why do you say
- 17 that?
- 18 A. I think it was both.
- 19 Q. But why do you say "mainly"?
- 20 A. I think they both played a part in it.
- 21 Q. I understand that. But apparently one
- of them you felt was more main than the other.
- 22 of them you let was more main than the
- 23 I'm just asking why.
- 24 A. I just think they both played a part.
- 25 Q. So you have no further explanation



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1	Page 69 about the use of the word "mainly"?	1	waited 14 months to get you to do t	Page 71
2	A. No.	2	A. I filed the charge in August o	
3	Q. Dr. Cureton, what type of doctor is he,	3	And she was assigned my case. S	
4	do you know?	4	to ask her why she	o you would have
5	A. No.	5	Q. Waited 14 months?	
6	Q. All right. The date you signed this	6	A did it. Yes.	
7	charge was August 3, 2017?	7	Q. Okay. She never gave you	an
8	A. That's what it says, yes.	8	explanation why?	
9	Q. Is that accurate?	9	A. She was assigned my case a	at that time.
10	A. Yes.	10	Q. Was she somebody differer	
11	(Defendants' Exhibit 15 was marked	11	originally?	·
12	for identification.)	12	A. Yes.	
13	Q. I show you what we marked as	13	Q. Who had it originally?	
14	the contract of the contract o	14	A. Her name was Gloria. I don	ı't remember
15	of Discrimination" Bates number Key 47, charge	15	her last name.	
16		16	Q. Okay.	
17	Manufacturing, Alabama. Do you recognize this	17	A. Or Glenda.	
18	charge?	18	Q. Look in the narrative midwa	y down. It
19	A. Yes.	19	says, "Additionally, I received a ph-	one call
20	Q. Now, here it shows dates the	20	inquiring as to the due date for my	pregnancy,
21	discrimination took place, it shows August 1 is	21	as I had informed both my employe	ers of my
22	the earliest, 2017, and the latest was August 1,	22	pregnancy that morning." Do you	see that?
23	2017. So that's correct?	23	A. Yes.	
24	A. It should say July 31st to August 1st.	24	Q. That morning, you had told	Ms. Robinson
25	Q. What discrimination took place on	25	and Maurice Chambliss?	
1	Page 70 July 31st?	1	A. Yes.	Page 72
2	A. They sent me home.	2	Q. Did you tell anybody else	that morning?
3	Q. On July	3	A. I told and Tonya.	mat morning:
4	A. 31st.	4	Q. Okay.	
5	Q 31st.	5	Excuse me? Who is that la	ast name?
6	What's the date that you signed this	6	A. Tonya.	dot name.
7	charge?	7	Q. Oh, Tonya.	
8	A. It says October 16, 2018.	8	Now, who made this phone	e call to vou
9	Q. Well, do you agree that's the date you	9	that day?	
10	signed it?	10	A. Gloria Robinson.	
11	A. Yes, because I yes, I signed it that	11	Q. So she already knew you	were pregnant,
12	· -	12	but she wanted to know the due	
13	Q. Why was this charge signed or filed	13	A. Yes.	
14	with the EEOC some 14 or so months after you	14	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: W	/e've been doing
15	filed the one with the EEOC about Dynamic?	15	this about an hour and a half. Y	ou want to take
16	A. The this is the investigator sent me	16	a break?	
17	this document that was assigned to my case.	17	THE WITNESS: I'm fine.	
18	Q. Why is it being filed now?	18	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: O	kay.
19	A. You would have to ask the investigator.	19	Everybody else okay?	•
20	Q. What's her name? Alicia Martin-Schutz?	20	(Defendants' Exhibit 16 v	was marked
21	A. Yes.	21	for identification.)	

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Q. So I'd need to ask her? Because you

Q. I know. But you don't know why she

A. She was assigned my case.

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23 don't know?

Q. I show you what's marked as Defendants'

23 Exhibit 16. These are your answers to

25 request for production.

24 interrogatories. Attached to it also is your

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1	Page 73 MS. PALMER: David, there were several	1	Page 75 Look at Interrogatory Number 11.						
2	like amendments and supplementations that went	2	Midway down, your answer to Number 11 says						
3	back and forth. Do you know	3	"Plaintiff states Gloria Robinson, Cassandra,						
4	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: I'm aware of that.		Williams, Ray Cureton, LaTonya Howell, Maurice						
5	MS. PALMER: Okay.	5	Chambliss, and Nicole Scavella were all involved						
6	Q. (BY MR. MIDDLEBROOKS:) Do you	_	in the termination decision and subject to the						
7	recognize these interrogatory responses?	7	control and the policy of Hyundai."						
8	A. Yes.	8	Was anybody else involved in that						
9	Q. And the request for production	9	termination decision other than those you named						
10	responses?	10	-						
11	A. Yes.	11	A. I don't I don't know.						
12		12	Q. You don't know of anybody you could						
13	interrogatories page 17 and verify for me if	13	name?						
14	that's your signature.	14	A. I don't know if anybody else was						
15		15	involved.						
16		16	Q. Now, you say "subject to control or						
17	, ,	17	policy of HMMA." Is that your words or somebody						
18	A. Yes.	18	else's?						
19	Q. And so these answers at that time.	19	A. I worked with my attorney.						
20		20	Q. Anyone else?						
21	truthful and accurate?	21	A. No.						
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. So that language is not solely your						
23		23	language?						
24	· -	24	A. I mean, I worked with my attorneys to						
25		25							
1	Q. Go down five sentences. It says	1	Page 76 Q. You had input?						
2	"without waiving this objection, plaintiff	2	A. Of my attorneys.						
3	states she interviewed at the Hyundai plant with	3	Q. Okay. So what controls was HMMA						
4	Gloria Robinson, Lieutenant Maurice Chambliss,	4	exerting that you know of?						
5	and Cassandra Williams on July 19th, 2017." Do	5	A. You said what?						
6	you see that?	6	Q. It says "subject to control or policy						
7	A. Uh-huh.	7	of HMMA." I want to know what controls HMMA						
8	Q. Is that yes?	8	were exerting.						
9	A. Oh, I'm sorry.	9	A. Which question are you I mean, which						
10	Q. Yeah, that's all right.	10	number are you at?						
11	A. Yes.	11	Q. Eleven.						

- Q. Actually, we all do it. 12
- 13 A. Yes, I see that.
- Q. Now, maybe my recollection is wrong.
- 15 Earlier you said you interviewed with Gloria
- 16 Robinson and Lieutenant Maurice Chambliss. But 16 out?
- 17 on your initial interview, did you interview
- 18 with Cassandra Williams also?
- A. No. She -- Gloria Robinson asked her a
- 20 question pertaining to my interview.
- 21 Q. Okay. So that was the extent of
- 22 Cassandra Williams's involvement in the
- 23 interview?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- Q. Eleven.
- 12 A. Carry out?
- 13 Q. Excuse me?
- 14 A. I would say to carry out the policies.
- 15 Q. Okay. What policy were they carrying
- 17 A. Of HMMA.
- 18 Q. But what policy of HMMA?
- 19 A. Concerning my appearance.
- 20 Q. Your hairstyle?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Is that the only policy?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. You don't know of any other policy you
- 25 referred to?



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1	A. I don't know if that was the only	1	because they wouldn't talk to her directly					
2	policy.	2	because she was a female.					
3	<ul> <li>Q. But you don't know of any other policy</li> </ul>	3	<ul> <li>Q. And did she say which Koreans those</li> </ul>					
4	you're referring to?	4	were?					
5	<ul> <li>A. I don't know if that was the only</li> </ul>	5	A. She did not identify them by name.					
6	policy.	6	Q. Just Koreans?					
7	Q. I understand that.	7	A. Yes.					
8	A. That's my answer.	8	Q. Were they also a different breed of					
9	Q. All right.	9	animal?					
10	A. Because I don't know of any other	10	A. You'd have to ask her.					
11	policy.	11	Q. Look at paragraph 92.					
12	Q. Okay. Now, I think I asked about all	12	A. Which					
13	these others, but Ray Cureton, what race is he?	13	Q. In your complaint.					
14	A. White.	14	A. The first exhibit?					
15	Q. So of those listed, he's the only white	15	Q. Yeah. Are you with me?					
16	person?	16	A. Yes.					
17	A. Yes.	17	Q. All right. Paragraph 92 says "Key					
18	Q. Look back at Defendants' Exhibit	18						
19	Number 1, the complaint, if you would. And look	l .	received a paycheck from Dynamic for her two					
20	at paragraph 82, if you would. Are you with me	19	partial days of work listing HMMA under the					
21	on that?	20	'Customer ID.'" And they do list I think it					
		21	does indeed list customer ID as HMMA.					
22	A. Yes.	22	What's the significance of that?					
23	Q. All right. And we've already talked	23	A. I don't know.					
24	, , ,	24	Q. In 94, paragraph 94 says, "HMMA					
25	were a different breed of animals and they send	25	exercised control over Dynamic staff at the					
*******	Page 78		Page 80					
1	little memos. But one thing differs from your	1	Page 80 Hyundai plant including dress code, work hours,					
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2	little memos. But one thing differs from your statement you gave the EEOC. Here it says	2	Hyundai plant including dress code, work hours, hiring/firing from that location, safety					
2 3	little memos. But one thing differs from your statement you gave the EEOC. Here it says "Robinson told Key the Koreans (HMMA and HEA)."	2 3 4	Hyundai plant including dress code, work hours, hiring/firing from that location, safety training, issuance of Hyundai badges."					
2 3 4	little memos. But one thing differs from your statement you gave the EEOC. Here it says "Robinson told Key the Koreans (HMMA and HEA)."  Now, you didn't put that in your	2 3 4 5	Hyundai plant including dress code, work hours, hiring/firing from that location, safety training, issuance of Hyundai badges."  Now, dress code, we haven't seen today					
2 3 4 5	little memos. But one thing differs from your statement you gave the EEOC. Here it says "Robinson told Key the Koreans (HMMA and HEA)."  Now, you didn't put that in your narrative that was attached to your EEOC charge.	2 3 4 5	Hyundai plant including dress code, work hours, hiring/firing from that location, safety training, issuance of Hyundai badges."  Now, dress code, we haven't seen today a Hyundai dress code for security personnel,					
2 3 4 5 6	little memos. But one thing differs from your statement you gave the EEOC. Here it says "Robinson told Key the Koreans (HMMA and HEA)."  Now, you didn't put that in your narrative that was attached to your EEOC charge.  Why do you have it here?	2 3 4 5 6	Hyundai plant including dress code, work hours, hiring/firing from that location, safety training, issuance of Hyundai badges."  Now, dress code, we haven't seen today a Hyundai dress code for security personnel, have we?					
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A. Because she said that she even had to

25 have her supervisor talk to the Koreans here

A. Dynamic did, according to the hours set

25 for the Hyundai site.

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1	Page 81 Q. How do you know that latter part?	1	Page 83 Did you give this to Ray Cureton?
2	A. Because they couldn't tell me to come	2	A. Yes.
3	to work from midnight to 6:00 a.m. if the mail	3	Q. Did you give it to anybody else?
١.	room at this site was not open. So Hyundai says	4	Including your attorneys?
4	these are the hours, and Dynamic Security places	5	
5		6	A. Yes, my attorneys.
6	people there for those hours.	7	Q. Okay.
	Q. How do you know Hyundai said these are the hours?	8	MR. REDMOND: Is that dated August 8?
8		9	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Yes. I'm sorry.
9	A. Because I was told by Gloria Robinson.	10	August 8.
10	Q. By Gloria Robinson? A. Yes.		
		11	MS. PALMER: Yeah, that's fine.
12	Q. Okay. And who hired you?	12	,
13	A. Gloria Robinson offered me the	13	,
14	employment.	14	,
15	Q. And who told you not to come back to	15	appreciate your answering my questions. Are
16	that assignment?	16	there any answers you want to revisit or change
17	A. Ray Cureton told me they did not want	17	in any way?
18	me back at the assignment.	18	
19	Q. We talked about safety training.	19	•
20	Where did you get your Hyundai badge,	20	
21	what you described as the Hyundai badge?	21	I know before I said that I gave these
22	A. I got it here.	22	
23	Q. In the Security Building?	23	1 3
24	A. At the security office.	24	. ,
25	Q. Now, why do you say Hyundai controlled	25	So
	Page 82		Page 84
1	the issuance of those badges?	1	Q. Oh, Ray Cureton wouldn't give you a
2	A. Because they had Hyundai on the badge.	2	copy?
3	Q. Okay. Have you seen badges of any	3	A. No. I just want to so I did not
4	other contractors out here?	4	give a copy of this to my attorneys. I just
5	A. No.	5	want to clarify that.
6	(Defendants' Exhibit 17 was marked	6	Q. Yeah. That's a Dynamic yeah,
7	for identification.)	7 8	Dynamic produced that so A. Yes.
8	Q. I'll show you what we'll mark as Defendants' Exhibit Number 17. And this is		
9		9	<ul><li>Q. Okay. Anything else you want to modify or change? You just shook your head "no." She</li></ul>
11	Dynamic-Key 58 through Dynamic-Key 63.  Defendants' Exhibit 17.	11	
12		12	,
13	Do you recognize this handwriting on this exhibit?	13	·
14			•
15	A. Yes.	14	•
	Q. Is that your handwriting?	15 16	•
16	A. Yes.		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
17	Q. Did anyone help you write that in any	17	, ,
18		18	Redmond. Let me pick up my stuff, and I'll move
19	A. No.	19	to that end of the table. It's been a pleasure
20	Q. Why were you writing this?	20	meeting you though.
21	A. As a response to the complaint I wrote.	21	EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. REDMOND:

Q. All right. Ms. Key, we met earlier

24 this morning. I'm Wesley Redmond. I represent25 Dynamic Security, Inc., in this case that you

23



Q. Oh, okay.

Q. Response to what?

A. The complaint that I wrote with Ray

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24 Cureton.

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	Page 85 have filed.		F	age 87
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2	Let me ask a few background questions	2	3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,	- ¢
3	first.	3		OT
4	Where are you originally from?	4	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
5	A. Alabama.	5	5	
6	Q. What part? What city? What city or	6	, ,	
7	part of the state did you grow up in?	7		ite
8	A. Tuskegee.	8	<b>,</b>	
9	Q. Have you attended any college?	9		
10	A. Yes.	10		
11	Q. Tell me what college you have, college	11	5 3	y area.
12	•	12		_
13	A. I attended Auburn University,	13	,	а?
14	Montgomery where I got my bachelor's degree, and	14		
15	Troy University where I got my master's.	15		
16	Q. And what's your bachelor's degree in at	16	,	
17		17	, ,	ow if
18	A. Humanities and social sciences.	18	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
19	Q. What year was that?	19	9 MS. PALMER: It is.	
20	A. 2011.	20	•	
21	<ul> <li>Q. And I'm sure I have this somewhere in</li> </ul>	21	,	?
22	my file. What's your date of birth?	22	2 A. Bertha Clark.	
23	A. 12/10/85.	23	3 Q. Is that where most of your relatives	
24	Q. All right. And what was your master's	24	, G	
25	degree at Troy in?	25	5 A. No.	
<u> </u>	Page 86	_		age 88
1	A. Troy University.	1		
2	Q. Yeah. What was your master's in?	2		
3	A. Social sciences.	3		
4	Q. And when did you get it?	4		L-A-H.
5	A. 2017.	5		
6	Q. This was before you went to work for	6	·	
7	Dynamic Security; right?	7		
8	A. Yes.	8		
9	Q. I think I saw your tax returns that	9		
10	well, are you married?	10	Q. All right. Does she live in the State	
11	A. Yes.	11	1 of Alabama?	
12	•	12	2 A. Yeah.	
13	A. Quartez Key. Q-U-A-R-T-E-Z.	13	3 Q. What city is she in?	
14	Q. And what does he do for a living?	14	4 A. Tuskegee.	
15	A. He drives trucks.	15	5 Q. All right. What's her name?	
16	Q. For whom?	16	6 A. Susie James Mindingall,	
17		17	7 M-I-N-D-I-N-G-A-L-L.	
18		18	8 Q. All right. Do you have any aunts and	d
19	<u> </u>	19	- •	
20		20		
21		21		
22		22	•	
23	-	23	-	are.
24		24	•	
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25 Cade.



A. Yes.

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1	Q. Do you have any cousins that live in	1	A. 6940 Wrangler Road.	
2	Tuskegee who have a different last name than the	2	Q. Wrangler with a W?	
3	ones you just gave me?	3	A. Yes.	
4	A. No. The other aunt is Mary Cade.	4	Q. Okay.	
5	Q. I'm sorry. What's that name?	5	A. Apartment C. That was Mont	gomery,
6	A. Cade, C-A-D-E.	6	Alabama.	
7	MR. MILLER: You can go off the record.	7	Q. How long did you live there?	
8	(Off-the-record discussion.)	8	A. Since 2017.	al
9	Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Do your in-laws live	9	Q. Is that where you were living	- 1
10	in the State of Alabama?	10	the time that you worked for Dynam	iic Security?
11	A. No.	11	A. Yes.	
12 13	Q. Do you know, does your husband have any relatives in the State of Alabama?	12 13	Q. So in putting the math togeth	- 1
	A. I'm not sure of all his relatives.	14	would have lived there from 2017 to	,
14 15		15	approximately 2019? Or A. 2020.	
	Q. Okay. All I can ask you is what you know. Do you know if he has any relatives in	16	Q. 2020?	
16 17	the State of Alabama?	17	The couple of days that you v	worked for
18		18	Dynamic at the Hyundai facility, how	
19	A. His grandmother.     Q. What's her name?	19	-	w did you get
20	A. Mary Woods.	20	A. I drove.	
21	Q. And where does she live?	21	Q. Did you know any of your co-	-workers
22	A. Hardaway.	22	from Dynamic socially, outside of w	
23	Q. Can you tell me where that is? What's	23	A. No.	OIK:
24	it close to?	24	Q. I want to ask you about your	employment
25	A. Shorter, Alabama.	25	-	
1	Page 90 MS. PALMER: Shorter. That's Middle	1	you graduated from AUM, can you	Page 92 tell me what
2	District.	2	your first job was?	ton mo mac
3	MR. REDMOND: It is middle? Okay.	3	A. After I in 2011?	
4	MS. PALMER: Yes.	4	Q. Yes.	
5	A. He has an aunt who lives in Tuskegee.	5	A. I worked at AUM as a gradu	ate student.
6	Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Okay. What's her	6	Q. All right. Was that a paying	
7	name?	7	A. Yes.	´
8	A. Glenda Williams.	8	Q. You got a W-2 from AUM?	
9	Q. Do you and your husband belong to any	9	A. Yes.	
10	churches or social groups?	10	Q. What exactly did you do?	
11	A. We attend church in Tuskegee.	11	A. I was a residence life coord	inator.
12	Q. Okay. What's the name of the church in	12	Q. Was that involving taking ca	are of one
13	Tuskegee?	13	of the dormitories?	
14	A. Apostolic Faith Mission.	14	A. Yes.	
15	Q. And what's your current home address?	15	Q. How long did you work for A	AUM?
16	A.	16	A. Until 2014.	
17		17	Q. Where did you go to work n	ext?
18	Q. So the name of the city is Pike Road?	18	<ul> <li>A. For the post office, United S</li> </ul>	States Post
19	A. Yes.	19	Office.	
20	<ul> <li>Q. How long have you lived at that</li> </ul>	20	Q. What was your job at the po	ost office?
21	address?	21	<ul> <li>A. A city carrier assistant.</li> </ul>	
22	A. For two years.	22	·	· ·
23	Q. Where did you live before that?	23	me what a city carrier assistant do	es?
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A. Montgomery, Alabama.

Q. What was your address in Montgomery?

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A. Deliver mail to the -- within the city

25 limits where you're assigned.

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			M. KEY M. KEY vs HYUNDAI MOTOR MA	NU	IF.
	1	Ω.	Page 93 Would you go out by yourself or with	1	
	2	some	, ,	2	or
1	3	Α.	By myself.	3	
	4		And you had to take a civil service	4	
	5		to get that?	5	go
	6	A.	Yes.	6	-
	7	Q.	Did you resign from AUM or were you	7	
	8	termir	nated from there?	8	
	9	A.	I resigned.	9	
١,	10	Q.	What was your reason for resigning from	10	th
١.	11	AUM	?	11	
ľ	12	A.	Because I no longer attended school	12	h
ŀ	13	there		13	
١.	14	Q.	Well, as I understand it, you graduated	14	
ľ	15	from	AUM in 2011?	15	
١	16	A.	And I took graduate courses until 2014.	16	
١	17	Q.	Got you. Okay. How long did you work	17	
١.	18		e post office?	18	
١.	19	Α.	Until 2016.	19	th
1	20	Q.	And who was your supervisor or	20	_

- Q. July of 2016?
- 21 supervisors there at the post office?
- 22 A. Janet Simpson.
- 23 Q. So did this involve delivering mail in
- 24 Montgomery?
- 25 A. Tuskegee.

- Q. And was he another PremaCorp employee
- r was he with the city of Montgomery?
- A. He was another PremaCorp employee.
- Q. How were you paid for that? I'm not
- oing to ask you how much.
- A. The rate?
  - Q. Were you paid by the hour?
- A. Yes, by the hour and mileage.
- Q. Next I guess I probably should ask
- hat. How much were you making per hour?
- A. I don't -- I think it was like \$16 an
- nour. I don't remember exactly.
- Q. And when did you start that job?
  - A. July.
- A. Yes.
  - Q. How long did you work?
- A. It was just contract until the end of
- he year, so till December.
- Q. And so the job ended at the end of
- 21 December?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. What was your next employment?
- 24 A. Dynamic Security.
- 25 Q. So you had no employment from

- 1 Q. Okay, you were in Tuskegee. Why did 2 you leave that job?
- A. Just the commute and working six days a
- week and having to commute 50 miles a day one
- Q. Did you get a job somewhere else? 6
- 7 A. After | left there?
- Q. Yes.
- 9 A. Yes, I did a contract position.
- 10 Q. Okay. Who was that with?
- A. PremaCorp. 11
- 12 Q. Is that one word?
- A. Yes. P-R-E-M-A. 13
- 14 Q. Okay. What type of job was that?
- A. To make sure that the businesses in the 15
- 16 city of Montgomery were compliant with the
- 17 business license.
- 18 Q. Oh. Were you the people that go around
- 19 and look at -- in the office buildings and see
- 20 if people have their license?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Yeah, we had one show up at ours. It's
- 23 a smaller office.
- All right. Who did you report to? 24
- 25 A. Patrick Howell.

- January 1, 2017, until July 31 of 2017? Seven months?
- 3 A. Not that I can remember, no.
- 4 Q. Well, do you think you would remember
- if you had a job during that time period?
- 6
  - A. Yes and no.
- 7 Q. Do you know if you were looking for
- 8 work during that time period?
- 9 A. Yes, I was looking for work.
- 10 Q. But did you have any other job offers
- 11 during that time period?
- A. I don't remember. 12
- 13 Q. Do you remember the kind of jobs you
- 14 were looking for?
- 15 A. Just a variety. It wasn't a specific
- 16 job type.
- 17 Q. All right. And then I think we
- established this morning that you worked for
- 19 Dynamic Security for two days, July 31 and
- 20 August 1?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And then you filed your EEOC charge
- 23 against Dynamic Security on August 3?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. As of August 3, had you already reached



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1	some determination about whether or not Dynamic	1 Q. Salary or hourly?
2	Security was going to give you another position	2 A. Salaried.
3	or not?	3 Q. How much was the salary they paid you?
4	A. No.	4 A. I don't know. Around, I would say,
5	Q. All right. Well, so when did you start	5 like \$1,200 a month.
6	looking for another job after August 1?	6 Q. Do you know if that's more or less than
7	A. The month of August.	7 you had expected to make at Dynamic Security?
8	Q. Do you remember can you tell me	8 A. Less.
9	anymore? Do you remember when in the month of	9 Q. Were your children able to go to the
10	August?	10 daycare free?
11	A. I don't remember.	11 A. Yes.
12	Q. I'll come back to this.	12 Q. Were you paying for daycare before
13	So what was the next job that you had	13 that?
14	after leaving Dynamic Security?	14 A. No.
15	A. The next job I had was I worked for a	15 Q. What were they doing in lieu of going
16	cleaners, Jim Massey's Cleaners.	16 to daycare before that?
17	Q. Where is it?	17 A. They were with me.
18	A. It's in Montgomery.	18 Q. So well, when you were working for
19	Q. Do you know when you went to work	19 Jim Mass
20		20 A. Jim Massey's.
21	A. It was in 2018.	21 Q Jim yeah. How did the kids
22	Q. And were you paid hourly there?	22 come to work with you at the cleaners?
23		23 A. They would be with my husband.
24		24 Q. I think I saw somewhere your husband
25		25 normally works third shift?
1	Page 98 Q. And how many hours a week were you	Page 100  1 A. At his shifts vary.
2	working?	2 Q. All right. Do you know during the time
3	A. I don't remember. I would say between	3 when you were working at the cleaners, was he
4	20 and 30.	4 working third shift so he was able to watch them
5	Q. And what was your job duties?	5 during the day while you were at work?
6	A. A customer service rep.	6 A. Yes.
7	Q. And who was your supervisor there?	7 Q. All right. How long did you work at
8	A. I don't remember what her name is.	8 the daycare?
9	Q. How long did you work for Jim Massey's	9 A. Probably like a just a maybe like
10		10 five to six weeks.
11	A. About six weeks.	11 Q. And what happened at the end of that
12	Q. What happened at the end of six weeks?	12 five to six weeks?
13	A. I was offered another job.	13 A. I started looking for a job in the
14		14 education field and was offered a job at Kelly
15	, ,	15 Services.
16	A. At a daycare.	16 Q. Kelly Services, is that the
17	Q. And what's the name of the daycare?	17 temporary
18	A. By His Grace.	18 A. Uh-huh.
19	Q. Was this connected with a particular	19 Q placement service?
20		20 A. Yes.
21	A. No.	
22		21 Q. They were able to find you a job in the 22 educational field?
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23	A. Montgomery.	23 A. Yes.

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25 minute.



Q. And what was your job there?

A. The manager for the daycare.

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Q. Okay. We'll talk about that in just a

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1	Was there a break in your employment at	1	working?					
2	the daycare and going to work for Kelly	2	A. Forty.					
3	Services? A. Yes.	3	Q. Was your position with Dynamic going to					
4		4	be let me ask this. How many hours a week					
5	Q. How much time?	5	was your position at Dynamic going to be?					
6	A. Maybe like two months.	6	A. Forty.					
7	Q. So did you quit you quit your job at	7	Q. All right. How long did you work doing					
8	the By His Grace daycare?	8	this paraprofessional job at Kelly Services?					
9	A. Yes.	9	A. Until May of 2021.					
10	Q. And at the time that you quit, you did	10	Q. And did your paychecks actually come					
11	not have another job lined up yet, did you?	11	from Kelly Services?					
12	A. For the not at that exact time, no.	12	A. Yes.					
13	Q. All right. What is the job that Kelly	13	Q. And during that entire time, your					
14	Services got for you?	14	paychecks came from Kelly Services?					
15	A. Paraprofessional.	15	A. Yes.					
16	Q. Let me ask you first when. When did	16	Q. All right. What happened in May of					
17	Kelly Services find you a position?	17						
18	A. September.	18	A. I interviewed and got hired by the					
19	Q. Of what year are we in?	19	school district.					
20	A. 2018.	20	<ul> <li>Q. So were you doing the same job as</li> </ul>					
21	Q. What is a peer professional job?	21	before?					
22	A. A paraprofessional is basically an	22	A. No. I was working as an auxiliary					
23	interventionist for special education students	23						
24	within the school system. So you're an aide.	24	Q. What does an auxiliary teacher do?					
25	Q. Are you saying peer professional or	25	A. Just like a it's the I worked in					
1	Page 102	1	Page 104					
1 2	para? A. Para.	2	a pre-K classroom as the teacher's assistant.  Q. And were you paid hourly or salary?					
3	Q. P-A-R-A?	3	A. Salary.					
4	A. P-A-R-A, yes.	4	Q. What was your salary?					
5	Q. Okay.	5	A. \$20,815.					
6	Was there a particular school that you	6	Q. How many hours a week were you working?					
7	were placed at?	7	A. Forty.					
8	A. Pike Road Elementary School.	8	Q. Now, at this time in May of 2021,					
9	Q. And that's in?	1	you've got your bachelor's degree and your					
10	A. Pike Road, Alabama.	i						
11	Q. Where is Pike Road, Alabama, in	11	master's degree?  A. Yes.					
12	relation to Montgomery?	12	Q. All right. How long did you work as a					
13		13	teacher's and this was for what school					
14	A. Like literally they're next door to each other.	14	district? Sorry.					
15	Q. Because there is a Pike Road in	15	A. Pike Road.					
ì		16						
16	Montgomery, isn't there?  A. No. They're two different it's a	17	Q. All right. And how long did you stay					
1			at this job?					
18	different city.	18 19	A. I'm still currently well, I my					
19	Q. Okay.	1	last day was June 1st.					
20	All right. How were you paid for that	20	Q. And so					
21	job?	21	A. 2022.					
22	A. Hourly.	22	Q. Have you resigned?					
23	Q. And how much hourly were you making?	23	A. Yes.					



Q. And how many hours a week were you

A. \$12.50.

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Q. Was there a reason that you resigned

25 from it?

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1	Α.	I got a better position.	

- Q. Okay. What's the better position that you got?
- 4 A. I got a job with Phalen Leadership
- 5 Academy as a kindergarten teacher.
- 6 Q. Where is that located?
- 7 A. Montgomery, Alabama.
- 8 Q. Salary?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And what's the salary?
- 11 A. \$44,000.
- 12 Q. And when did you begin that job?
- 13 A. I begin in August of this year.
- 14 Q. The position that you had with Pike
- 15 Road, was there an opportunity to keep working
- 16 during the summer, or did it end and your pay
- 17 end when the school year ended?
- 18 A. You're talking about the job that I
- 19 just had?
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. No, I get paid through the summer.
- 22 Q. Okay. But you're currently not getting
- 23 a paycheck from anybody?
- 24 A. From Pike Road Elementary School.
- 25 Q. You are getting one from Pike Road?

- 1 Q. So let me take each of these.
- 2 DoorDash. When did you start doing
- 3 DoorDash?
- 4 A. I don't remember. Because I -- I don't
- 5 remember the exact year.
- 6 Q. How long of a time period did you do
- 7 DoorDash?
- 8 A. I mean, periodically, so.
- 9 Q. Are you still --
- 10 A. I don't do it now.
- 11 Q. I don't know what the term is, but are
- 12 you still registered for it?
- 13 A. I mean, if I wanted to do it, I could,
- 14 but I don't do it.
- 15 Q. When was the last time that you
- 16 remember doing DoorDash?
- 17 A. Maybe sometime at the beginning of this
- 18 year.
- 19 Q. You don't remember when you started or
- 20 how long you --
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. -- were doing it?
- 23 Can you give me any estimate of how
- 24 much money you made doing DoorDash?
- 25 A. Around \$1,700.

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- A. Yes.
- 2 Q. But are you performing any services for
- 3 Pike Road? 4 A. I did.

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- 5 Q. Yeah, I know how the teachers are.
- 6 They'll pay them for twelve months although
- 7 they'll only work nine or ten. Is that how it
- 8 works?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. All right. Any other jobs you've had
- 11 since leaving Dynamic Security that you haven't
- 12 told me about?
- 13 A. I've done DoorDash, Spark Delivery,
- 14 Shipt, but not like on a consistent basis.
- 15 Q. The first two I'm aware of. Spark
- 16 Delivery?

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- A. It's Walmart delivery service.
- 18 Q. Oh, okay.
- 19 Let me ask you this. Had you done any
- 20 of these before going to work for Dynamic?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Were you doing any of these during the
- 23 two days that you were working for Dynamic
- 24 Security?
- 25 A. No.

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- Q. Do you receive a 1099 from DoorDash?
- 2 A. Yes.

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- 3 Q. Okay. And have you been reporting it
- 4 on your income taxes?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So we have your income taxes, we could
- 7 see which years you were doing DoorDash?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How about Shipt? Let me ask you. Do
- 10 you know when you started doing Shipt?
- 11 A. This year.
- 12 Q. Okay. How often -- are you still doing
- 13 Shipt?

- 14 A. Periodically.
  - Q. How often would you say that you're
- 16 doing Shipt?
- 17 A. Maybe three times out the week.
- 18 Q. Are you able to tell us for the year of
- 19 2022 how much you believe you've earned doing
- 20 Shipt?
- 21 A. I would have to look because I don't
- 22 know.
- 23 Q. So have you consistently through 2022
- 24 been doing it three times a week?
- 25 A. No.



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- 1 Q. During what time periods do you think
- 2 you were doing it as much as three times a week?
- A. Since I've been out of school.
- Q. And if you do it three times a week,
- 5 how much do you normally make a week?
- A. It depends.
- Q. It varies that much?
- A. It depends on how much -- it's a
- 9 delivery service. So it depends on how much the
- 10 delivery is worth. So it's not a set rate. So
- 11 it just depends on how much the delivery is
- 12 worth. So, yeah, it varies.
- 13 Q. Is there a typical --
- 14 A. No.
- Q. -- pay? 15
- 16 All right. Tell me, if you can, to
- 17 your recollection, what's the highest day that
- you've had and the lowest day?
- A. Lowest \$25. Highest \$50. 19
- 20 Q. And your Shipt registration or
- 21 whatever, is it active still?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. When's the last time that you did it?
- 24 A. Maybe Wednesday or Thursday.
- 25 Q. All right. Spark Delivery. When did

- Yes. To my knowledge, yes.
- Q. Okay. And did we cover earlier, to 2
- 3 your knowledge, all the places that you worked
- 4 before going to work for Dynamic Security?
- Q. During the couple of days you were 6
- 7 working for Dynamic, did you have any other jobs
- 8 at the time?
- A. No.
- 10 Q. I think you told -- you testified
- 11 earlier that you initially interviewed with
- 12 Gloria Robinson and Maurice Chambliss; right?
- A. Yes. 13
- 14 Q. What did you understand your job duties
- 15 were going to be?
- 16 A. Working in the mail room.
  - Q. Okay. But specifically, did you know
- 18 what your job was going to be, what you would be
- doing on a --
- 20 A. Delivering mail to the different
- 21 departments.
- 22 Q. Would it involve going to the post
- 23 office?

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- 24 A. If needed.
- 25 Q. Well, did they tell whether that would

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- 1 you do that?
- 2 A. Last year. 3 Q. How often would you do that during a

A. Probably about the same amount. I

- 4 week?
- 6 don't do that anymore though.
- 8 Spark and you do Shipt instead?
- 7 Q. Is there a reason why you don't do
- A. I mean, just -- I just -- it's not a 9
- 10 reason. I just don't do it.
- Q. How much money do you think you made 11
- 12 doing Spark last year?
- 13 A. I don't -- I would have to look.
- 14 Q. Can you give me an estimate at all?
- 15 \$10,000? \$1,000?
- 16 A. I don't know. I -- I don't know.
- 17 Q. Can you tell me what month you started
- 18 doing Spark?
- A. No. I'm sorry. I --19
- Q. Can you tell me what month you stopped 20
- 21 doing Spark?
- 22 A. This month. June.
- 23 Q. All right. So have we now covered all
- 24 of your employment since you left Dynamic
- 25 Security?

- Page 112 be part of your job duties?
- A. I didn't get that far into training. 2
- Q. But during the interview, they --3
- 4 A. I don't recall her saying that.
- 5 Q. Tell me what you do recall Gloria
- Robinson or Mr. Chambliss saying during the
- interview about what your job duties were going 7
- 8 to be.
- 9 A. That I would be doing the same thing
- 10 that I did when I worked for the United States
- Post Office. And she said that I would be
- 12 delivering mail throughout the Hyundai site.
- 13 Q. Were you told how that is done? I
- 14 mean, are you walking? Are you taking a golf
- 15 cart? Do you get in a car to go to some of the
- 16 sites?
- 17 A. My trainer showed me in a car, but I
- 18 never got into -- I only -- I never got into any
- 19 real training. I got 30 minutes of training,
- 20 and that was it.
- 21 Q. And your trainer is Ms. Howell?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. In fact, during the two days that you
- 24 worked for Dynamic here at this facility, did
- 25 you deliver any mail to anybody?



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Α.	She took some mail to one of the		

- 1 A. She took some mail to one of the 2 buildings, and I went with her to see how it was
- 3 done.
- 4 Q. But you never did any -- you never did
- 5 any of the job duties on your own during those
- 6 two days?
- 7 A. No, I was training. I was being
- 8 trained.
- Q. How long did you understand your
- 10 training was going to last?
- 11 A. I don't know because it was never
- 12 specified.
- 13 Q. But it would be accurate to say that
- 14 during the two days that you were working here
- 15 at the Hyundai facility that you were in
- 16 training the entire time you were here?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. You were not in training the entire
- 19 time?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. All right. What else did you do if you
- 22 were not in training?
- 23 A. Sat in that chair and meet with Gloria
- 24 Robinson.
- 25 Q. Okay. Let me ask you about the time

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  Q. Okay. All right. And before beginning
- 2 work on July 31st, you had not told Dynamic that
- 3 you were pregnant; right?
- 4 A. No.

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- 5 Q. Okay. Is that because at the time of
- 6 your interview, did you know that you --
  - A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- were pregnant?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. I was thinking for some reason
- 11 that you didn't find out until you went to the
- 12 doctor on July the 28th or something. That's
- 13 wrong?
- 14 A. That's incorrect.
- 15 Q. Okay. So at your interview, you knew
- 16 that you were pregnant?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. So tell me about the
- 19 conversation you had where you were talking with
- 20 Gloria Robinson about your being pregnant.
- 21 A. I just pulled her to the side and gave
- 22 her my doctor's note letting her know, and
- 23 Maurice, that I was -- that even though that I
- 24 was pregnant, that my doctor said that I'm able
- 25 to perform all the duties of the job.

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- 1 period. On July 31, how many hours were you at 2 the facility?
- 3 A. Less than two hours.
- 4 Q. And how about on August 1; how many
- 5 hours were you here?
- 6 A. Less than two hours.
- 7 Q. So your total time working was less
- 8 than four hours?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And you may have already covered some
- 11 of this, but I want to make sure we're talking
- 12 about the same thing. When you said besides
- 13 being trained, you also sat in a chair and
- 14 talked with Gloria Robinson --
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. -- tell me about that conversation.
- 17 A. It was just about she wanted to know
- 18 about me being pregnant and about my hair.
- 19 Q. What did she ask you about -- well,
- 20 tell me what the conversation that you had about
- 21 being pregnant -- strike that.
- 22 Let me ask that. Is this the
- 23 conversation where you informed her that you
- 24 were pregnant?
- 25 A. One of them, yes.

- Q. All right. Anything else said about
- 2 your pregnancy during that conversation?
- 3 A. She said I didn't need to talk to her
- 4 about that.
- 5 Q. Did not need to talk to her?
- 6 A. Because she wasn't my immediate
- 7 supervisor.
- 8 Q. So was she indicating to you that that
- 9 was an issue to be talked about with
- 10 Mr. Chambliss? Or with someone at Hyundai?
- 11 A. With Mr. Chambliss, but he was standing
- 12 right there with her.
  - Q. Anything else said about the pregnancy?
- 14 A. Not at that conversation.
  - Q. Okay. And from what you told me
- 16 earlier, was there also something said at that
- 17 same time about your hair?
  - A. Afterwards, yes, it was.
- 19 Q. What do you mean by afterwards?
- 20 A. After she went back in her office, I
- 21 was confronted by Cassandra Williams.
- 22 Q. Okay. And when you say after "she,"
- 23 that's Gloria Robinson that you are talking
- 24 about?
- 25 A. Yes.



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1	Q. How long was it before Cassandra	2	cubicles in their office.
2	Williams said something to you?	2	Q. Do you know who else that
3	A. Maybe between 10 and 20 minutes.	3	A. No.
4	Q. And what did Ms. Williams say to you?	4	Q would have been? So you're saying
5	A. "What's wrong with your hair?"	5	there are other people who may have overheard
6	Q. Do you know what she meant by that?	6	what was being said?
7	Well, let me ask you. Did she tell you what she	7	A. It's possible.
8	meant by that?	8	Q. All right. I think you told me were
9	A. No.	9	there other conversations that you had with
10	<ul> <li>Q. Anything else that she said about your</li> </ul>	10	Ms. Robinson about your pregnancy?
11	hair?	11	A. Yes.
12	A. No. She said what's wrong with it, and	12	Q. All right. Tell me about those.
13	then she went back in her office.	13	A. She brought me into the office and she
14	Q. Now, did somebody send you home early	14	asked me was I going to act this way until
15	on that well, these conversations that you're	15	and she pointed to my stomach.
16	telling me about where you told Gloria Robinson	16	Q. When did that happen?
17	you were pregnant and then Cassandra Williams	17	A. August 1st.
18	came out later, were these on the 31st or the	18	Q. Do you know what she was referring to
19	1st?	19	when she said "act this way"?
20	A. 31st.	20	A. No. And she called me after I – she
21	Q. Did someone send you home early on the	21	sent me home on July 31st and asked me when was
22	31st?	22	my baby due and if my doctor was aware of my job
23	A. Yes.	23	requirements.
24	Q. Who told you to go home?	24	Q. This was she called you the she
25	A. Gloria Robinson.	25	called you on July 31st after she sent you home;
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1	Q. What did she tell you when she told you	1	right?
2	to go home?	2	A. Yes.
3	A. To go home.	3	Q. Did you tell her when the baby was due?
4	Q. Well, did she tell you was there	4	A. Yes.
5	something that you were supposed to do before	5	Q. Which was when?
6	you came back or did she tell you why she was	6	A. January.
7	sending you home?	7	Q. Did your job responsibilities require
8	A. No. She said that I needed to go home.	8	you to do lifting?
9	Q. Do you know why she sent you home?	9	A. Yes.
10	A. She didn't tell me I mean, she	10	Q. Do you know what the heaviest items
11	didn't say, "You're going you need to go home	11	would have been that you would have to lift?
12	because of this."	12	· ·
13	She said that Cassandra Williams said	13	
14	that I was in violation with my hair. And I	14	conversation you told us about when she called
15	said, "What do you want me to do?"	15	you on the telephone, that was before she said
16	Cassandra Williams said that, "You	16	to you on August 1, "Are you going to act this
17	would have to wear a hat."	17	way"?
18	I said, "I have a hat at my house. I	18	A. Yes.
19	can go get it."	19	Q. Tell me was anything else said in that
20	She said then Gloria Robinson said,	20	conversation on August 1?
	"No. How shout you just so home!"	24	A I pale at least the about and being

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24 Gloria Robinson all together?

21 "No. How about you just go home."

Q. So this conversation where you were

A. And whoever else was sitting in the

23 sent home, this was you, Cassandra Williams, and 23 that."

A. I asked her was this about my hair.

Q. And by "that," you understood -- when

25 she used the word "that," you understood that

22 And she said, "This -- we not talking about

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- 1 the reference was to your hair; correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What else was said in that
- conversation? 4
- A. She asked me if I had felt
- discriminated against.
- 7 Q. And this is all part of the same
- conversation?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And what did you tell her?
- 11 A. I said, "No comment,"
- 12 Q. Is there a reason why you wouldn't tell
- 13 her anything other than, "No comment"?
- A. Because of her demeanor towards me. 14
- 15 Q. Describe her demeanor for us.
- 16 A. She was sitting on the edge of her
- 17 chair. Her legs were spread and she was leaning
- 18 forward and talking in a very aggravated and
- agitated voice and pointing her finger at me.
- 20 Q. Anything else said during that
- 21 conversation?
- 22 A. No. I just kept asking her was this --
- 23 you know, "I wore a hat as complied; you know,
- 24 as you guys asked me to," and she said, "This
- 25 not about that. This is going to be a problem."

  - Q. And what did you understand Gloria
- 2 Robinson was referring to?
- A. I don't know. You'll have to ask her.
- 4 Q. Did she say it was going to be a
- 5 problem with her or it was going to be a problem
- with someone else?
- A. She just said it's going to be a
- 8 problem.

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- Q. Anything else said in that
- 10 conversation?
- 11 A. Not that I recall.
- Q. All right. How about, did you have any 12
- 13 other conversations with her about your hair?
- 14 A. No. Not after that, no.
- 15 Q. So is the only conversation you had
- 16 with her about your hair on July 31st?
- A. And August 1st. 17
- Q. Okay. Well, what was discussed on 18
- 19 August 1st about your hair?
- 20 A. When she brought me in for the meeting
- and I asked her, you know, was this about my 21
- 22 hair.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. And I asked to see the policy. She
- 25 told me I did not have a right to see it.

- Q. Is this all part of that same 1
- 2 conversation when she asked you if you felt that
- you had been discriminated against?
- 4 A. Yeah.

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- Q. Did you have any more conversations
- 6 with Gloria Robinson that day other than what
- you've told me about now?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. But you were sent home less than two
- 10 hours after you started; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Who told you that you were going home?
- 13 A. Ray Cureton.
- Q. And what did Mr. Cureton tell you? 14
- 15 A. "They don't want you back out there."
- 16 Q. Anything else he said?
  - A. Can you be more specific?
- 18 Q. Well, number one, did he say who "they"
- 19 were?

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- 20 A. Gloria Robinson.
- 21 Q. That's what Mr. Cureton told you?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Tell me as best you can recall what
- 24 exactly he said about that.
- 25 A. He asked for my badge, and he said,
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  - 1 "Well, Gloria Robinson is not like that, but 2 they don't want you back at that site." And I
  - 3 was like, "Who?" He said, "Gloria Robinson."
  - So I gave him my badge.
  - Q. Do you have the exhibits in front of 5
  - 6 you from earlier?
  - 7 A. Yes. Which one --
    - Q. Look -- let me see.
  - 9 Do you know who made the decision that
  - 10 you were going to be removed from the job
  - 11 assignment at Hyundai?
  - 12 A. No.

- 13 Q. Let me show you what's previously been
- marked as Defendants' Exhibit 15. That's your
- 15 EEOC charge filed against HMMA. Do you see
- 16 that?
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. And you signed this; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And you believe everything that is 20
- 21 written here is accurate?
- 22 A. To the best of my knowledge. It was
- 23 prepared by one of the investigators.
- 24 Q. At the time you filed your EEOC charge,
- 25 did you have counsel at the time?



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1	A.	No.	•
2	Q.	Look, if you would, at the end of	of the
3	first pa	aragraph.	
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- 4 A. Uh-huh.5 Q. It says -- you can feel free to read
- 6 all of it. It says "That same day, I was
- 7 informed by Dynamic Security, Inc., that
- 8 Ms. Williams did not want me to return to work."
- 9 Did I read that accurately?
- 10 A. That's -- yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. What is that referring to?
- 12 A. Me working at Hyundai, the site.
- 13 Q. Okay. When you said "I was informed by
- 14 Dynamic Security, Inc.," are you referring to
- 15 Ray Cureton here?
- 16 A. Ray Cureton and Gloria Robinson.
- 17 Q. Okay. Well, did Ms. Robinson tell you
- 18 that you were not going to be allowed to
- 19 continue to work at the site?
- 20 A. Through Ray Cureton.
- 21 Q. Through -- but Ms. Robinson didn't tell
- 22 you that you weren't going to be allowed to
- 23 continue to work at the site, did she?
- 24 A. She told Ray Cureton.
- 25 Q. She told Ray Cureton, who told you;

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1 Q. Your initial interview was on July 19;

- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Now, earlier you had testified that you
- 5 were interviewed by Gloria Robinson and Maurice
- 6 Chambliss. And then you have here Cassandra
- 7 Williams also participated. You see that in the
- 8 first few sentences of this paragraph?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What was Ms. Williams's participation
- 11 in the interview?
- 12 A. Gloria Robinson asked her a question
- 13 pertaining to me and working at the Hyundai
- 14 site.
- 15 Q. And it was about your hair; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. It was a question whether or not your
- 18 hair was appropriate; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And you were told -- were you told
- 21 during that interview process that your hair was
- 22 not acceptable as it was?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. What --
- 25 A. I was told that they did not know. And

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- 1 right?
- 2 A. Yes.3 Q. Okay. But this says "Ms. Williams did
- 4 not want me to return to work." Ms. Williams,
- 5 that's Cassandra Williams?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And she's a Hyundai Engineering
- 8 employee; right?
- 9 MS. PALMER: Object to form.
- 10 A. I mean, I don't know who she works for.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Okay. But she's not
- 12 a Dynamic Security employee, was she?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. She worked for some Hyundai entity;
- 15 correct?
- 16 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Object to form.
- 17 A. I don't know who Cassandra Williams
- 18 worked for.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Am I reading what
- 20 you're saying here right? Ms. Williams was the
- 21 one that did not want you to return to work?
- 22 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. And do you believe that's
- 24 accurate today?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 check Dynamic's -- what does Dynamic say2 about -- their handbook say.
- 3 Q. Did someone at some point tell you that
- 4 your hair was in violation of Hyundai's policy?
- MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Clarify when you say
- 3 "Hyundai." Object to form.
- 7 A. They -- I'm sorry.
  - Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) I'll rephrase it.
- 9 Were you at some point told that your
- 10 hair was in violation of the policy of some
- 11 Hyundai entity?

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- 12 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Object to form.
  - A. When I came to work, yes.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Who told you that
- 15 and what did they say?
- 16 A. Gloria Robinson and Cassandra Williams.
- 17 Q. What did they tell you about it?
- 18 A. That I couldn't wear my hair like this.
- 19 Q. And was there some discussion about how
- 20 you could wear it?
- 21 A. During my interview, I showed Gloria
- 22 Robinson a picture of an up-do hairstyle that I
- 23 had and she said, "Oh, well," she said, you
- 24 know, "Could you get it styled like that?" I
- 25 said, "I'll have to call my stylist, but yes."



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- Q. And did you get that done before you
- 2 came to work the first day?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Why not?
- 5 A. Because during my training at Dynamic
- 6 Security, I asked the office manager Nicole was
- 7 there an issue with my hair and she asked me
- 8 why, and I told her that I was told by Gloria
- 9 Robinson that it was. And she said, "No,
- 10 there's not an issue with your hair. It seems
- 11 to comply with our grooming policy."
- 12 Q. So the reason why you thought your hair
- 13 was okay when you came to work on July 31st was
- 14 because the Dynamic office manager had told you
- 15 that it was?
- 16 A. The Dynamic handbook as well.
- 17 Q. And that's the reason why you did not
- 18 put your hair in the style that was talked about
- 19 the day of your --
- 20 A. I mean, the handbook stated that --
- 21 Q. Lunderstand.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. I'm just saying from what you saw in
- 24 the handbook and from what Nicole told you, the
- 25 office manager, that's why you didn't style your

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- 1 hair like you and Ms. Robinson and Ms. Williams
- 2 had discussed?
- A. Yes. And then I wasn't able to get an
- 4 appointment as well with my stylist.
- Q. Okay. So your interview was on
- 6 July 19th. When did you attempt to get your
- 7 hair styled?
- 8 A. Prior to starting work.
- Q. But do you remember when between
- 10 July the 19th and July 31st you tried to call
- 11 your stylist? I mean, did you call him that day
- 12 as you were leaving? Was it a day, a week
- 13 before you called your stylist?
- 14 A. I don't recall because -- I mean, I
- 15 don't remember the day I called her or contacted
- 16 her, no, I don't.
- 17 Q. Where is your stylist located?
- 18 A. She lives in Birmingham, but she works
- 19 out of Auburn.
- Q. Okay. All right. Did you call your
- 21 stylist after your interview and before
- 22 beginning work?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. And tell me as best you can
- 25 recall what you told your stylist and what she

- 1 told you.
- 2 A. Just that, "Were you available?" She
- 3 only worked on the weekends. "Were you
- 4 available to do my hair?"
  - Q. And what did she say?
- 6 A. "I'll have to check my schedule."
  - Q. Okay. And did she ever get back to
- 8 you?

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- 9 A. No. Not at that immediate moment, no.
- 10 Q. Did you ever go back to her and say --
- 11 did you ever call her back and say, "Have you
- 2 checked your schedule? Can you do my hair?"
- 13 A. After I started work on the 31st, yes.
  - Q. Okay. You called her back on the 31st?
- 15 A. After I started work, yes.
- 16 Q. All right. And what did she say on the
- 17 31st when you talked to her?
- 18 A. She could do it that weekend.
  - Q. Do you remember the 31st, what day of
- 20 the week was it?
- 21 A. I don't remember.
- 22 Q. We can look it up on the calendar.
- 23 All right. Back to the interview.
- 24 Tell me again, what was the conversation that
- 25 you -- well, the conversations about your hair,

- was that you, Gloria Robinson, and Cassandra
- 2 Williams together?
- 3 A. Yes and no. Yes and no.
- 4 Q. Okay. All right. Yes and no. Okay.
- 5 A. Because some of the conversations were
- 6 with me and Gloria Robinson, me and Cassandra
- 7 Williams, and then the three of us.
- 8 Q. All right. So tell me in that first
- 9 interview what conversations just you and Gloria
- 10 Robinson had together.
- 11 A. About my hair?
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. At the end of the interview she said,
- 14 "Oh, your hair might be a problem."
- 15 Q. That's all the conversations?
- 16 A. She said, "Can you do -- can you take
- 17 them apart?" And I said, "If I cut all my hair
- 18 off, I can."
- 19 Q. And you didn't want to do that?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. All right. What conversations did
- 22 you -- just you and Cassandra Williams have?
- 23 A. When -- on July 31st when she asked --
- Q. No, no, no. I'm talking about the
- 25 interview.



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1	A. Oh, for the interview?	1	I A. July 21st.	r age roc
2	Q. Yes.	2	Q. Okay. So you interviewed on Ju	ıly 19th.
3	A. She just turned looked at me, turned	3	•	-
4	her nose up, and said, "Well, what does	4	1 21st?	•
5	Dynamic's policy say?" And at that time, I	5	5 A. Yes.	
6	didn't have the Dynamic policy. So she asked	6	Q. Was that for orientation?	
7	Gloria Robinson, and Gloria Robinson said, "I	7	' A. Yes.	
8	don't know."	8	Q. And how long were you at the D	ynamic
9	Q. Was there any discussion about what the	9	facility?	
10	policy was at the Hyundai plant where you were	10	0 A. I don't remember.	
11	going to work?	11	1 Q. I mean, was it all day? A coupl	е
12	A. No.	12	2 hours?	
13	Q. How did y'all well, all right.	13	3 A. I mean, I don't remember.	
14	So I was asking you about a	14	4 Q. Who did you meet with at the D	ynamic
15	conversation just you and Cassandra Williams	15	5 facility on that day?	
16	had. Was that the one between you and Cassandra	16	6 A. I mean, the person who was in	charge o
17	Williams you were just telling me about when she	17	7 the training. I don't know their name.	
18	said, "What's Dynamic's policy?" Or was that	18	<ol><li>Q. And that's when you were giver</li></ol>	n copy of
19	you, her, and Gloria Robinson?	19	9 the handbooks and other policies?	
20	A. The three of us.	20	0 A. Yes.	
21	Q. Were there any conversations that just	21	<ol> <li>Q. Is that also the day that you as</li> </ol>	ked the
22	you and Ms. Williams had?	22	2 office manager about your hair?	
23	A. During the interview process?	23	3 A. Yes.	

orientation? g were you at the Dynamic nber. it all day? A couple n't remember. meet with at the Dynamic person who was in charge of know their name. hen you were given copy of other policies? he day that you asked the ut your hair? A. Yes. 23 24 Q. Was the office manager part of your

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2 All right. What did the three of you 3 talk about about your hair during the interview process? A. Just that they weren't sure if I could 6 wear my hair like this and me showing them the picture on my phone. 7

Q. Anything else? 8

A. No.

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Q. Yes.

A. No.

Q. Okay.

10 Q. But as I understand from what you told 11 me earlier, they said if you could wear your

12 hair like the picture was on the phone, that

13 that would be appropriate. And did they

14 indicate to you that they thought that would be

15 fine for you to wear your hair like that?

A. Yes. 16

Q. All right. So then you show up at work 17

18 on July 31st; right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What was the first thing that you did 21 on July 31st?

22 A. Took my ID picture.

23 Q. You were shown some Hyundai -- I

24 mean -- sorry -- some Dynamic policies this

25 morning. When did you get those?

A. She directed us to like the rooms we 1 2 were supposed to go in. And she was answering

3 questions from other people.

25 orientation?

4 Q. What was the specific question that you 5 asked the office manager about your hair?

A. I asked her, I said, "Is there

7 something wrong with the way my hair is?" And

8 she said, "No. Why would you -- like, why did

9 you ask me that?" And I told her what Gloria

10 Robinson said as far as it wasn't acceptable,

11 and she said, "No." She was like, "It complies

12 with like what our policy is." She said,

13 "There's nothing wrong with it."

14 Q. Okay. Back to your first day at work.

15 Did you have a uniform you had to wear?

16 A. Just -- yes.

Q. What was the uniform you had to wear?

18 A. A polo shirt and just like some

19 dark-colored khaki pants.

20 Q. Was it a polo shirt that Dynamic had

21 given you?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Just a generic --

24 A. Plain -- yes.

25 Q. Polo shirt?



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A. Yes.

- 2 Q. Did it have to be a particular color?
- 3 A. I don't remember what color it was. I
- 4 don't remember. Because they didn't issue me
- 5 any like logo type of thing.
- 6 Q. All right. And the first thing you
- 7 did, you got into the -- you went -- did you
- 8 come to this building we're in first?
- A. Yes.

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- 10 Q. And you got your picture made; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You got your badge done?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. What was the next thing that you did?
- 15 A. I sat in one of the chairs out there
- 16 and just waited for them to tell me what to do
- 17 next.
- 18 Q. All right. And who told you what to do
- 19 next?
- 20 A. Gloria Robinson. She came in. She
- 21 spoke -- you know, we said good morning. And
- 22 she said that my trainer was going to come and,
- 23 you know, get me.
- Q. Okay. And so you sat out there until
- 25 your trainer came and got you?

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  1 Q. Okay, The mail room's in another
- 2 building?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you walk there or drive?
- 5 A. Drive.
- 6 Q. Okay. And she showed you around the
- 7 mail room?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. What else did she do as part of
- 10 your training?
- 11 A. She just showed me -- she showed me
- 12 where we would -- one of the buildings we would
- 13 take mail to. That's it.
  - Q. And how long did that take?
- 15 A. I probably was with her maybe 30 to 45
- 16 minutes.

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- 17 Q. What happened at the end of that 30 to
- 18 45 minutes?
- 19 A. Maurice came and said Gloria wanted to
- 20 see me.
- 21 Q. And by Maurice, you're talking about
- 22 Maurice Chambliss; right?
- 23 A. Yes.
  - Q. At this point in time, when Maurice
- 25 Chambliss came to see you, did you feel as if

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What time did you report that morning?
- 3 A. I don't remember the time. I think I
- 4 had to be here around -- between 7:00 and 730.
- Q. Do you remember what time it was that
- 6 your trainer came and got you?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. But eventually the trainer got you?
- 9 A. Yes
- 10 Q. Do you know how long you sat out there
- 11 before she came and got you?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. I apologize if I've asked that already.
- 14 And your trainer was Ms. Howell; right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So what did you and Ms. Howell do next?
- 17 A. We went to -- she -- we went to the
- 18 mail room. She showed me where the mail room
- 19 was.
- 20 Q. And the mail room is somewhere on this
- 21 floor?
- 22 A. I don't know. I mean, I don't know
- 23 where it is. I don't remember.
- 24 Q. But is it in the --
- 25 A. It's not in this building, no.

- Page 140 you had been discriminated against or treated
- 2 unfairly in any way?
- A. I felt like they were kind of hostile
- 4 towards me as far as -- yeah, I just felt like
- 5 they were kind of hostile towards me.
- Q. All right. And who is "they"?
- 7 A. Gloria Robinson and Cassandra Williams.
- 8 Q. All right. Well, at this point, you
- 9 haven't even told me that you've interacted with
- 10 Cassandra Williams that morning. Had you
- 11 interacted with Cassandra Williams that morning?
- 12 A. Earlier I was telling you that when I
- 13 was sitting out there and she came out there to
- 14 ask me about my hair, but you told me to specify
- 15 it to my interview.
- 16 Q. Okay. All right. So all right. So
- 17 we're walking through what happened your first
- 18 day. And while you were out there waiting for
- 19 the trainer to come, Cassandra Williams said
- 20 something to you about your hair?
- 21 A. I let Gloria Robinson and Maurice
- 22 Chambliss know that I was pregnant. Maurice --
- 23 I mean, Gloria Robinson came back into this24 shared office with Cassandra Williams.
- 25 Cassandra Williams came out there and she looked



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1 at me and she said, "What's wrong with your

2 hair?" And she said, "Why is it like that?"

3 And I said, "You know, the Dynamic

4 policy says, you know, as long as it's neat."

She said, "I don't care what their

6 policy says. They can send you somewhere else."

7 And then she came back into this office, and

8 then my trainer came and got me.

9 Q. Okay. So this all happened before the

10 trainer came and got you and y'all went around

11 to the mail room and the building?

12 A. Yes.

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- 13 Q. Did you tell the trainer that you felt
- 14 that you had been discriminated against?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Did you at any time tell the trainer
- 17 you thought you had been discriminated against?
- 18 A. I -- no, I didn't -- I told her that --
- 19 she asked me why they sent me home on the 31st.
- 20 And I told her why, and I said I didn't think
- 21 that was fair.
- 22 Q. This would have been a conversation the
- 23 next day though, right, on August 1st?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Okay. So staying with what happened on

- 1 wrong with your hair?"
- 2 A. Cassandra Williams came out the first
- 3 time Gloria Robinson went in the office. But,
- 4 yes.

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- Q. So after -- so did Cassandra Williams
- 6 come out before Gloria Robinson went out and
- 7 smoked her cigarette?
- 8 A. She came -- so while Gloria Robinson --
- 9 so Gloria Robinson comes in. Then she comes out
- 10 and goes and Cassandra Williams -- yeah. So
- 11 while Gloria Robinson was outside, Cassandra
- 2 Williams was interacting with me.
- 13 Q. Before the trainer came and got you,
- 14 did Gloria Robinson say anything about your
- 15 hair?
- 16 A. No.
  - Q. Okay. But Cassandra Williams did;
- 18 right?

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- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Have you told me every way that you
- 21 thought Gloria Robinson was being hostile to you
- 2 by her demeanor, her attitude, her facial
- 23 actions, and all that?
- 24 A. From before I went to training or from
- 25 that day?

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- 1 July the 31st. So you come to work. You've
- 2 gotten your picture made. You were waiting out
- 3 there for your trainer; right?
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. While you were waiting for your trainer
- 6 is when you told Gloria Robinson and Maurice
- 7 that you were pregnant; right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Is there a reason why you told them
- 10 that you were pregnant but didn't tell them at
- 11 the interview?
- 12 A. No, it's not a specific reason.
- 13 Q. All right. Did Gloria Robinson say
- 14 anything to you that you thought was hostile on
- 15 the 31st after you told her that you were
- 16 pregnant?

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- A. She -- she made a face and made a sound
- 18 like (INDICATING) and then she came in the
- 19 office. And then when she walked back out, she
- 20 was just -- she seemed very agitated and she
- 21 went outside and smoked a cigarette. And then
- 22 she came back in, looked at me, and went back
- 23 into her shared office with Cassandra Williams.
- 24 Q. And that's when Cassandra Williams came
- 25 out and made her comment to you about, "What's

- 1 Q. Yes, from before the trainer came and 2 got you?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. All right. So the trainer comes and
- 5 gets you. You and the trainer go and do what
- 6 you were telling us about. And then someone
- 7 tells you you need to go to Gloria Robinson's
- 8 office; right?
- 9 A. Maurice came to the mail room.
- 10 Q. Okay. All right. How long had you
- 11 been at work at that point?
- 12 A. Maybe an hour. I don't know. Maybe an
- 13 hour.

- 14 Q. All right. Tell us about the
- 15 conversation. So I assume you went straight to
- 16 Gloria Robinson's office?
- 17 A. Yes. He brought me to the shared
- 18 office with her and Cassandra Williams.
- 19 Q. Did y'all ride -- did you go by car?
  - A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Did you and Mr. Chambliss have any
- 22 conversation while you were in the car?
- 23 A. I just asked him, you know, what did
- 24 she need me for, and he told me he did not know.
  - Q. That's all that you and Mr. Chambliss



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Page 145 had talked about in the car ride? A. Yes.

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3 Q. Okay. All right. Tell me about the 4 conversation you had with Gloria Robinson.

A. So he brings me here. So she asked 6 about, you know, my hair. And I was -- you

7 know, I told her, I said, "Well, you know, I

8 looked in Dynamic's handbook and it says that,

you know, you just have to have it neat and it has to be groomed."

And then she said, "Well, that's not 11 12 how -- like you can't have it like this."

And I said -- she said, "You can't have 13 14 it like this at Hyundai."

I said, "Well, can I see the policy?"

And I was directing my questions --16

17 because Cassandra Williams was saying no, and I

18 said, "Well, may I see the policy?" 19 And then Cassandra Williams said, "I

don't have to show you anything." 20

21 And Gloria Robinson said, "How dare you

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ask my supervisor that question?"

23 And I said, "Well, by law, you have to 24 show me the policy."

25 And she said, "I don't have to show you

Page 147 Q. Okay. What did you say when -- did she

2 say anything else about your hair other than,

"What's wrong with your hair?"

4 A. That I couldn't have it like this.

Q. And what you understood by that is that

6 dreadlocks were not going to be allowed?

A. That's what they told me, yes.

Q. All right. Anything else you can

9 recall their having said during that

conversation about what was wrong with your

11 having the dreadlocks?

12 A. No.

13 Q. And eventually they showed you the

14 policy that was on someone's computer; right?

15 A. On Cassandra Williams's computer, yes.

16 Q. And that's the policy we looked at this

morning that said you could not have the

18 dreadlocks?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So did you leave that meeting

21 understanding that your hair was not supposed to

22 be in dreadlocks?

23 A. They told me in that meeting that I --

24 that the only way that I could wear my hair like

this is I wore a hat and my whole head was

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1 anything."

2 And then it was silent. And then 3 finally they showed me on the -- her computer, 4 the document pulled up on her computer.

5 Q. Okay. Let me back up and ask you some 6 questions about that.

7 When Maurice Chambliss drove you to Gloria Robinson's office, were Gloria Robinson 8 9 and Cassandra Williams together?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. So during that entire

12 conversation, the two of them were together;

13 right?

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14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What's the first thing one of them said 16 about why the meeting was happening?

A. Gloria Robinson said, "What's wrong

18 with your hair?"

19 Q. Okay. And I'm just going to stop you.

Is that the exact same words you told us that 20

Cassandra Williams said earlier in the day? 21

A. Yes. 22

23 Q. Okay. Both of them said the exact same

24 thing is your testimony?

A. Yes. They -- yes.

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2 Q. And who told you that?

A. Cassandra Williams.

Q. Otherwise, unless you were able to wear 4

5 a hat and cover your whole head, you understood

that you could not have the dreadlocks; right?

7 A. If I had it down like this, I could

8 not. no.

9 Q. But you did not -- is it your testimony

10 that you did not understand that during the

11 interview you had back on July the 19th?

12 A. The -- during the interview, the

question that was asked by Cassandra Williams 13

was, "What does Dynamic's policy say?" And so 14

when I reviewed Dynamic's policy and their 15

policy did not state I could not wear my hair

17 like this and I told her that, she said, "Well,

no, I don't care what they say." 18

19 Q. That's what happened on the interview 20 on the 19th?

21 A. On the 19th, she said, "What was

22 Dynamic's policy?" And when I reviewed their

23 policy -- because that's the question she had

24 for Gloria Robinson, "Well, what does Dynamic's

25 policy say?"



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1	So when I get the policy and I see the	1	home."	-
2	handbook and I review the policy, when I come to	2	<ul> <li>Q. And what did you do after she sa</li> </ul>	aid
3	work on the 31st and I say, "Well, Dynamic's	3	that?	
4	policy says this," because that's the question	4	A. I gathered my stuff and I went ho	me.
5	she asked during the interview, she said, "I	5	Q. Did you clock out?	
6	don't care what their policy says."	6	A. No. I didn't clock in either.	
7	Q. Yeah, again, what I'm trying to find	7	Q. All right. Did you talk with anyor	ne
8	out is when she said, "I don't care what	8	else at the Hyundai facility that day before	ore you
9	Dynamic's policy is," was that on the 19th?	9	got in your car and left?	
10	A. That was on the 31st.	10	A. No.	
11	Q. Okay. That's what I thought you told	11	Q. Did you talk with anyone from e	ither a
12	me earlier.	12	Hyundai entity or Dynamic that afterno	on?
13	A. Okay, yes.	13	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Object t	o form.
14	Q. Yeah. My question was, getting back to	14	A. Gloria Robinson called me after	she
15	it, did you not understand on July the 19th	15	sent me home.	
16	after your interview that you could not wear	16	Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) And that	t's the
17	your hair in dreadlocks?	17	conversation where she asked when y	
18	A. No, I did not understand.	18	A. Yes.	
19	Q. And it's your testimony that it wasn't	19	Q. Any other conversations you ha	d with
20	until July 31st that you understood that	20	anybody from Dynamic that afternoon?	
21	dreadlocks were prohibited?	21	A. No.	
22	A. According to the document on her	22	Q. Had you even met Ray Cureton	as of that
23	computer, yes.	23	•	
24	Q. And but someone told you there was an	24	A. Nope. Uh-uh.	
25	alternative to getting rid of the dreadlocks?	25	•	<b>,</b>
1	Page 150 A. Cassandra Williams.	1	August 1 which I understand was	Page 152 the last day
2	Q. And what did Ms. Williams say the	2	you worked at the Hyundai facility.	the last day
3	alternative was?	3	A. Yes.	
4	A. If I wore a hat all day every day.	4	Q. Correct? What time did you	show up at
5	Q. And how did that conversation end?	5	work that day?	Snow up at
6	A. I said Gloria Robinson asked me did	6	A. Around the same time. Arou	ınd hetween
7	I have a hat. I said, "I do have a hat."	7	7:00 and 7:30. I don't know the exa	
8	And she said, "Well, where is it?"	8	Q. Did you clock in on that day?	
9	I said, "It's at my house. I can go	9	A. I don't remember clocking in,	
10	get it."	10	_	
11	And she said, "Well, how far do you	11	•	-
12	stay?"	12	•	
13	I said, "It's about 30 minutes."	13	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	: What uid
14	She said she didn't say anything.	14	•	hat I sat
15	And they were just standing there.	15		
16	And I asked Cassandra Williams, "What	16		21 11ty
17	do you want me to do?"	17		or?
18	And she said, "I'm not telling you to	18	9	<b>.</b> .
19	do anything."	19	<u>-</u>	t did vour
20	And then I said, "Well, you know, I	20		-
21	would like to just go back with my trainer."	21	that you had some complaints abo	
22	She said, "No."	22	•	
23	I said, "Well, what do you want me to	23		1 1116
123	i said, what do you want life to	23	i iyunuar	

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And Gloria Robinson said, "Just go

24 do?"

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A. My trainer told Gloria Robinson that I

25 felt like that they were being unfair to me.

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- Q. And when did that happen? Was that the
- 2 day before on the 31st?
- 3 A. On August 1st.
- 4 Q. Oh, this was on August 1st?
- 5 All right. So you wait about 30
- 6 minutes and your trainer shows up; right?
- 7 A. Yes.

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- 8 Q. All right. And where did you and the
- 9 trainer go?
- 10 A. To the mail room.
- 11 Q. And are you still being trained at this 12 point?
- 13 A. Yes. We're in the -- yeah, she was
- 14 just showing me some things in the mail room.
- 15 Q. And was it during this time that you
- 16 told your trainer that you thought you were
- 17 being treated unfairly?
- 18 A. She asked me on the ride to the mail
- 19 room why did I go home.
- 20 Q. And what did you tell her?
- 21 A. That they said it was something wrong
- 22 with my hair.
- 23 Q. All right. And you told the trainer
- 24 that you thought you were being treated unfairly
- 25 because of your hair?

- Page 155 1 Q. Did you think it was unfair -- I mean,
- 2 I heard -- I hear what you're telling me. You
- 2 Hold Harman fried What you to tolking the Year
- 3 think it's unfair because it's your hair. You
- 4 think you should be able to wear your hair as
- 5 you want; right?
- 6 A. I mean, I'm wearing it in its natural
- 7 state.
- 8 Q. Well, are the dreadlocks in its natural
- 9 state?
- 10 A. Yes. For African Americans, yes.
- 11 Q. I mean, it -- I might be showing my --
- 12 well. It's -- your hair naturally appears in
- 13 dreadlocks?
  - A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. So that's not something that
- 16 you've chosen as some symbol of your heritage,
  - 7 but that's how it naturally is worn?
- 18 A. Yes. My hair is worn naturally like
- 19 this.

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- 20 Q. Okay. All right. Anything else other
- 21 than the fact that that's how your hair
- 22 naturally is that you thought was being unfair
- 23 about how you were being treated?
  - A. At that moment, no.
- 25 Q. All right. And you told that to your

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- A. Yes, I told her I didn't think it was
- 2 fair, yes.

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- 3 Q. And what is it that you thought was
- 4 unfair about it?
- 6 hair.

A. That I couldn't be here because of my

- 7 Q. And what was it that you thought was
- 8 unfair about that?
- 9 A. Because it's my hair. I mean --10 Q. Well, at that time, did you know if
- 11 there were other employees who weren't required
- 12 to comply with the hair standards?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. Sitting here today, do you know of any
- 15 other employees who were not required to conform
- 16 to Hyundai's hair standards?
  - MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Object to form.
- 18 A. Um --
- 19 Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) He's right. That's
- 20 probably a bad question. Let me ask it this
- 21 way.

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- 22 Do you know if there's other employees
- 23 who were not required to comply with the hair
- 24 standard that you were shown earlier today?
  - A. I don't know.

- 1 trainer; right?
- 2 A. Yes.
  - Q. And you later found out that your
- 4 trainer told that to somebody else and it made
- 5 its way to Gloria Robinson?
- 6 A. She told it directly to Gloria
- 7 Robinson.
- 8 Q. Did you confront your trainer about
- 9 having said that to Gloria?
- 10 A. I just asked her if she told Gloria
- 11 Robinson.
- 12 Q. Tell me about that conversation.
- 13 A. I just asked -- I said, "Did you" -- I
- 14 said, "What did you tell Ms. Robinson," and then
  - 5 she told me. That was the conversation.
- 16 Q. All right. So getting back to what's
- 17 happening on August 1st, you and the -- you and
- 18 your trainer are in the mailroom?
- 19 A. Uh-huh.

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- Q. She's showing you some things in the
- 21 mail room. On the way over, you had had that
- 22 conversation where you told her that you thought
- 23 you were being treated unfairly?
- 24 A. Yes.
  - Q. Do you know at what point is Ms. Howell



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- 1 away from you enough so that she can communicate
- 2 that to Gloria Robinson? Or did she do it while
- 3 the two of you were together?
- 4 A. I don't know. I don't know.
- 5 Q. How long did you and your trainer stay
- 6 in the mail room?
- A. Idon't Imean, Idon't know. I
- 8 don't know.
- Q. What did you do next? What did the two
- 10 of you do next after you left the mail room?
- 11 A. We didn't leave the mail room.
- 12 Q. Okay. You at some point left the mail
- 13 room; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Right. What happened that caused you
- 16 to leave the mail room?
- 17 A. Maurice Chambliss told me that Gloria
- 18 Robinson wanted to see me.
- 19 Q. Okay. So you've been working for the
- 20 company for two days, and this is your second
- 21 time to -- that Maurice has come and told you
- 22 that Gloria Robinson wants to talk to you?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. You and Maurice ride over again in the
- 25 truck? Or the car?

- 1 little memos and they don't want African
- 2 Americans, you know, wearing their hair like
- 3 this because of the clientele they have.
- 4 And she specifically named Mayor Todd
- 5 Strange, who was the mayor at that time; that he
- 6 may not want to see me with my hair like this.
  - And she said that she has to have her
- 8 male counterparts at times speak with the Korean
- 9 higher-ups because they won't talk to her
- 10 because she's a female.
- 11 Q. And what had you done about your hair
- 12 on August 1?
- 13 A. I wore a hat and I -- that completely
- 14 covered my head.
- 15 Q. Do you have a picture -- do you happen
- 16 to have a picture of --
- 17 A. Of --
- 18 Q. -- of the hat that day with you --
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. -- wearing it? Do you still have the
- 21 hat?

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- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. If you'd hold on to it.
  - All right. Anything else you can
- 25 recall her saying during that conversation?

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- A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What conversations did you and Maurice
- 3 have?

- 4 A. I asked him what did she want, and he
- 5 said he didn't know.
- 6 Q. Do you think he was being truthful with
- 7 you? Or do you know?
- 8 A. I don't know.
- 9 Q. All right. Did you speak with anyone
- 10 else before you talked to Ms. Robinson?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. All right. Was Ms. Robinson by herself
- 13 or was Cassandra Williams with her during this
- 14 conversation?
- 15 A. She was by herself.
- 16 Q. Okay. Tell me what happened during
- 17 this conversation.
- 18 A. She asked me had I felt discriminated
- 19 against, and I didn't respond to her question.
- 20 And then she asked me. I said, "No comment."
- 21 And she said that, you know, I
- 22 shouldn't have asked Cassandra Williams to see
- 23 the policy; that she understood why I did it but
- 24 I shouldn't have and that the Koreans were a
- 25 different breed of animals and that they send

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- 1 A. I asked her -- I -- you know, I said,
  2 "Well, I wore a hat, you know, as you guys said
- 3 I should," and she said, "This is not about
- 4 that."
- 5 And she said, "Are you going to be this
- 6 way until" -- and she pointed to my stomach.
- 7 And then I -- she said -- like she
- 8 started inching forward towards me. She was
- 9 sitting in the chair I'm currently sitting in,
- o stang in the chair rin carrently stang in,
- 10 and I was sitting in the chair where the court
- 11 reporter's sitting in --
- 12 Q. Y'all were in this room?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. And she said, "Have you been
- 16 discriminated against," in like a loud, hostile
- 17 voice. And I said, "I wore a hat, you know, as
- 18 you guys asked me to."
- 19 She said, "This is not about that.
- 20 This is going to be a problem."
- 21 Q. Was it your understanding that she was
- 22 referring to your pregnancy?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And I know you were asked some
- 25 questions and you were shown, I think it was in



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- 1 the Dynamic charge, where you thought that what
- 2 happened to you, you had stated in your charge
- 3 you thought mainly was because of your
- 4 pregnancy.
- 5 Do you contend now that your eventually
- 6 being removed from that assignment was because
- 7 of your hair or because of your pregnancy?
- 8 A. Because of both.
- 9 Q. And again, that's -- I know that's what
- 10 you said this morning. I want to give you a
- 11 chance again to tell us. Do you think that it
- 12 was equally because of both?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. All right. Did Cassandra Williams
- 15 participate in that conversations at all --
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. -- that day? Did you see Cassandra
- 18 Williams at all on the 1st?
- 19 A. I saw her. We brought some mail here,
- 20 and I saw her and, you know, I said good
- 21 morning. But other than that, I didn't see her.
- Q. Okay. Did she say anything back to
- 23 you?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Anything else that Gloria Robinson said

- 1 A. I don't know.
  - Q. -- does the mail room have to fill out?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. Did y'all go and deliver any mail?
  - A. No.
- 6 Q. Did you at some point leave the mail
- 7 room?

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- 8 A. I stepped outside.
- 9 Q. Okay. And what did you do when you
- 10 stepped outside?
- 11 A. Just get some fresh air.
  - Q. All right. So did you come back in the
- 13 mail room after you stepped outside?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And what did you and Ms. Howell do?
- 16 A. Nothing.
- 17 Q. I mean, were y'all working? Were y'all
- 18 doing stuff in the mail room?
- 19 A. No. We were -- no, we weren't doing
- 20 anything. I mean, we weren't -- she was -- had
- 21 some papers and she was kind of like organizing
- 22 them. But other than that, we weren't doing
- 23 like any type of training or anything.
- 24 Q. And how long did that go on with you --
- 25 how long -- after you returned from the meeting

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- 1 during that conversation after she says, "This
- 2 is going to be a -- it's not about your hair,
- 3 but this is going to be a problem"?
- 4 A. No. She dismissed me, and Maurice took
- 5 me back to the mail room.
- 6 Q. Okay. So you're back in the mail room.
- 7 Was Ms. Howell --
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. -- still there?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. So did you resume your training?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you and Mr. Chambliss discuss
- 14 anything on the way back to the mail room?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Was Mr. Chambliss in there when you
- 17 were talking to Gloria Robinson?
- 18 A. I don't remember if he was -- I don't
- 19 remember exactly where he was.
- 20 Q. All right. So what did you and
- 21 Ms. Howell do as part of your training next?
- A. She just was showing me the same thing
- 23 she was showing me. I think she was filling out24 some paperwork.
- 25 Q. What kind of paperwork --

- Page 164 with Ms. Robinson, how long did you continue to
- work in the mail room with Ms. Howell?
  - A. Maybe like 10 to 15 minutes.
- 4 Q. As I understand it, so I think you told
- 5 me you worked less than two hours the first
- 6 day -- the second day?
- 7 A. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. So you spent 30 minutes waiting for
- 9 her. Then you went to the mail room. Then you
- 10 went to Gloria Robinson. Then you went back in
- 11 the mail room for 10 or 15 minutes. I assume
- 12 you've been here around an hour or so by this
- 13 time?
- 14 A. Yeah, probably like that or something.
- 15 Q. Okay. What did you and Ms. Howell do
- 16 next?
- 17 A. Well, Mr. Chambliss came into the mail
- 18 room.
- 19 Q. Okay. Do you know why he was there?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Okay. And what did you say to him?
- 22 A. That I would like to speak with someone
- 23 in human resources.
- 24 Q. All right. Did anyone else hear that
- 25 conversation?



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- 2 Q. And what was Mr. Chambliss's response
- 3 to that?

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- 4 A. "You can speak to Gloria Robinson or
- 5 Cassandra Williams."
- 6 Q. But did you talk to them?
- 7 A. No. I -- no, I didn't.
- 8 Q. Okay. Who did you talk to?
- 9 A. Ray Cureton.
- 10 Q. How did you know Mr. Cureton's name?
- 11 How did you know to speak to Mr. Cureton?
- 12 A. Because that's who Gloria Robinson told
- 13 Maurice Chambliss to have -- for me to go speak
- 14 to.
- 15 Q. And was this on the 1st?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Where in this timeline of events does
- 18 Gloria Robinson tell Mr. Chambliss that you need
- 19 to speak to Ray Cureton?
- 20 A. He called her.
- 21 Q. Okay. So after you tell Mr. Chambliss,
- 22 "I want to talk to someone in human
- 23 resources" -- did you tell him why you wanted to
- 24 speak to someone in HR?
- 25 A. No. I just said, "I want to speak with

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Were you angry at her?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. If she was to testify that you seemed
- 5 agitated and angry with her, would that be
- 6 inaccurate?
- 7 A. That is incorrect, yes.
- 8 Q. All right. So Mr. Chambliss gives you
- 9 Ray Cureton's address; right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. To the Dynamic Security office in
- 12 Montgomery?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And so you get in your car and drive
- 15 there?
- 16 A. Lasked Mr. Chambliss, Lsaid, "Am L
- 17 allowed to go speak with him? May I come back,"
- 18 you know, "come back to the site?" And he said,
- 19 "I can't tell you that."
- 20 Q. Couldn't tell you either one, whether
- 21 you could go there or whether you could come
- 22 back?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. So what did you do?
- 25 A. I asked him again, I said, "Well, could

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- 1 someone in human resources."
- 2 Q. All right. Mr. Chambliss then calls
- 3 Gloria Robinson?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. In front of you?
- 6 A. He stepped like away from the desk
- 7 area.
- 8 Q. And then he told you what?
- 9 A. He said, "You can go talk to Ray
- 10 Cureton."
- 11 Q. Did you have to ask, "Well, who is that
- 12 and where do I" --
- 13 A. Yes.

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- 14 Q. And what were you told?
- 15 A. You can go to -- he gave me the address
- 16 for the Dynamic Security office. He didn't say
- 17 what his title was or anything like that.
- 18 Q. Okay. Before I leave that, at this
- 19 point, had you said something to Ms. Howell
- 20 about her having told Ms. Robinson --
- 21 A. I just asked her when I got back, I
- 22 mean, I just asked her, you know, what did she
- 23 say. And she told me, and that was the -- that
- 24 was the exchange for that.
  - Q. Okay. Anything else said during that?

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  1 | wait till | like get off at 5:00 or can | go
- 2 talk with him now? If I leave, will I be able
- 3 to come back?" He said, "You can come back."
- 4 Q. Okay. So you got -- so after he said
- 5 that, you got in the car and left?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And Mr. Cureton was at the facility?
  - A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. Did he know you were coming?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. All right. Tell me about the
- 12 conversation you had with Mr. Cureton.
- 13 A. I got there, and first thing he asked
- 14 me was, "Are you going to sue us?"
  - Q. And what did you tell him?
- 16 A. I said, "I want to talk to somebody in
- 17 human resources."
- 18 Q. Okay. What happened? Tell me what
- 19 y'all talked about.
  - A. I just told him what happened.
- 21 Q. Tell me as best you can recall what you
- 22 told him.
- A. The events that transpired on the 31st
- 24 of July and August 1st.
  - 5 Q. Well, and I realize this may be a



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1 little bit redundant, but I need you to tell me 2 as best you can recall what you told him. 3 A. Can I read what I wrote? Because 4 that's just 5 Q. Sure. Whatever you need to help you 6 answer the question is fine. 7 MS. PALMER: What are you looking for? 8 THE WITNESS: The complaint that I 9 wrote. 10 MS. PALMER: The original complaint? 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. 12 MR. REDMOND: Is this the one that you 13 are talking about? 14 THE WITNESS: No. 15 MR. REDMOND: The longer version? 16 THE WITNESS: Yes. 17 MR. REDMOND: The longer version? 18 I forget which number it was. 19 MS. PALMER: The last one, Number 17. 20 MR. REDMOND: Is that what it was? 21 THE WITNESS: It was the one that 22 Mr. Middleton it was attached to 23 MS. PALMER: The EEOC charge? 24 MR. REDMOND: The one that's attached 25 to the intake questionnaire, is that the one		VITA M. KEY vs HYUNDAI MOTOR MA	NU	FACTURING	169–172
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24 Mr. Cureton on August 1st?

A. Yes.

23 Defendants' 18. Is that what you gave to

23 how, you know, I told him that I let her and

Maurice Chambliss know that I was pregnant andhow they sent me home because they said I

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- 6 Q. All right. So how did you leave it
- 7 with Mr. Cureton?
- A. He said that he would follow up with, I
- 9 guess, his home office and he would get back

10 with me.

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- 11 Q. And so you were going to return to the 12 office -- return to the Hyundai facility?
- 13 A. No, he told me that -- he asked for my
- 14 badge and he said that, you know, "They don't
- 15 want you out there." And I said, okay, and I,
- 16 you know, gave him my badge.
  - Q. And we may have talked about this
- 18 before. Did he ever say anything more about who
- 19 didn't want you out there?
- 20 A. He said Gloria Robinson didn't want me 21 out there. And when I asked him why, he said
- 22 because of my hair and something else.
- 23 Q. But he never told you what the
- 24 something else was?
  - A. He said he didn't want to get into it.

- 6 the time, I'm pretty sure they -- I don't know
- how long they keep their records.
- Q. I mean, you don't have anything in your
- possession right now, either here, at home, or
- 10 that you've given to your lawyers that shows
- when you called Dynamic, do you? 11
- 12
- 13 Q. What discussions have you and Dynamic
- 14 had about what either assignments or shifts you
  - were going to take?
- 16 A. Just when I spoke with Mr. Cureton on
- 17 the 1st, he said he'll let me know if something
- became available. And then when I called to
- inquire and I talked to Nicole, she said that he
- 20 was unavailable and that she would let me
- know -- she would let him know that I called and
- she would let me know if any shifts -- like if
- 23 any jobs became available.
- And he asked me in the -- when I first 24
- 25 talked to him on the 1st, he said, "Well, I



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- 1 might not have any first shifts." I said,
- 2 "That's fine." I said, "I'll just take whatever
- 3 you have."
- Q. When you were initially interviewed,
- 5 was there any discussion about what shifts you
- 6 were available to work?
  - A. They just ask your preference.
- 8 Q. Because your application we looked at
- 9 today, your application says, doesn't it, that
- 10 you'll work any shift. Any job, any shift;
- 11 right?

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- 12 A. Yes, and I would have worked any job,
- 13 any shift.
- 14 Q. Did you express a preference to Dynamic
- 15 about what shift you wanted to work?
- A. I told him that if he had first shift
- 17 but I would take any shift.
- 18 Q. And this conversation was on
- 19 August 1st?
- A. This conversation was when I did my 20
- 21 training at the site.
- 22 Q. Okay. Who's --
- A. I don't remember the people I spoke 23
- 24 with. It was a lot of different people there.
- 25 But I let them know that I would -- my

- 1 which --
- 2 A. My children would have been taken care
- 3 of. It wasn't an issue about --
- Q. Well, when you said they would have
- 5 been taken care of, do you mean there are family
- 6 members who would have watched them or would you
- 7 have had to pay for daycare?
- 8 A. It just -- it depends on what the
- 9 schedule -- my schedule would have been.
- Q. If both you and your husband had to
- 11 work third shift, is there a nighttime daycare
- 12 that's available that they would have had to go
- 13 to and you would have had to pay for?
  - A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. What's the last conversation you had
- 16 with anyone at Dynamic?
  - A. August 8th would be the last
- 18 conversation.

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- Q. And that's the one with Nicole?
- 20 A. That was with Ray Cureton and Nicole.
- 21 (Defendants' Exhibit 19 was marked
- 22 for identification.)
- 23 Q. I'm showing you what's marked as
- 24 Defendants' Exhibit 19. Do you remember
- receiving a copy of that?

- 1 preference would be first shift but I would take 2 any shift available.
- And I reiterated that on the 1st with 3
- 4 Mr. Cureton. I said -- because he said he may
- 5 have like some third shift things available, and
- 6 I said, you know, "Just let me know." I said --
- 7 I think I said, "Beggars can't be choosers. 8 I'll take what you have that's available."
- Q. Why did you have a preference for third
- 10 shift? I mean -- I'm sorry. For first shift?
- A. It was just my preference. 11
- 12 Q. Somewhere in here I saw something that
- 13 says that you wanted first shift because your
- 14 husband was working third shift at the time?
- 15 A. He did work third shift at that time,
- 16 yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And so he -- if you got first
- 18 shift, he could watch the kids while you're
- 19 working and you could watch the kids while he's
- 20 working? Is that the reason why you wanted
- 21 first shift?

- 22 A. I just preferred first shift. But, I
- 23 mean, whatever shift I worked, I would have
- 24 child care. So that wasn't an issue.
  - Q. You would have to pay for child care

- A. Yes. 1
- 2 Q. All right. And that's your signature
- on there? And that's one of the documents that
- 4 would have been signed on 7/21?
  - A. Yes.
  - (Defendants' Exhibit 20 was marked
- 7 for identification.)
- 8 Q. Showing you what's marked as
- 9 Defendants' Exhibit 20. Do you recognize that
- as another of the Dynamic documents you were
- 11 given on 7/21?
- 12 A. Yes.
  - Q. And that has your signature on it?
- 14
- 15 (Defendants' Exhibit 21 was marked
- 16 for identification.)
- 17 Q. All right, Ms. Key. I'm showing you
- what's marked as Defendants' Exhibit 21, ask if
- 19 you recognize that.
  - A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And that's your signature on there?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. Give it to me.
- All right. So as of August 3 when you 24
- 25 went to the -- well, when did you first contact



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1 someone at the EEOC?

- 2 A. August 2nd.
- 3 Q. And what's the reason why you went to
- 4 the EEOC on August 2nd?
- 5 A. Because in my conversation with Ray
- 6 Cureton, he didn't take it seriously.
- 7 Q. Okay. Any other -- what was it that
- 8 made you think that he did not take your
- 9 complaint seriously?
- 10 A. One, we met in the lobby of the
- 11 building. So anybody could have walked in and
- 12 heard the conversation. He didn't take any
- 13 notes. And he defended Gloria Robinson and his
- 14 comment saying, "I'm just a big fat white man.
- 15 What do I know about anything."
- 16 Q. Do you know what Mr. Cureton's title
- 17 was?
- 18 A. I learned it to be district manager.
- 19 Q. And who did you first speak with at the
- 20 EEOC, do you remember?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Now, your initial charge was filed
- 23 against Dynamic Security; right?
- 24 MS. PALMER: Object to form.
- 25 You can answer.

1 A. Uh-huh.

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- Q. And I think we looked earlier at the
- 3 intake questionnaire that you filled out when
- 4 you filed that charge?
- 5 A. Yes.
  - Q. Okay. Anything else you did as part of
- 7 the process other than go to the EEOC, fill out
- 8 the intake questionnaire, and then I assume
- 9 someone prepared that and gave it to you to
- 10 sign?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Anything else that you did as part of
- 13 the process?
  - A. No, I just went and filled out the
- 15 intake and followed the instructions that were
- 16 given to me by the people.
- 17 Q. Where did you go to have that done?
- 18 A. To the EEOC office.
  - Q. Which one?
- 20 A. In Birmingham.
- 21 Q. And then you also were shown
- 22 Defendants' Exhibit 15, which is a separate
- 23 charge against Hyundai Motor Manufacturing,
- 24 Alabama?
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- Q. What's the process that you went
- 2 through to fill out this, Defendants'
- 3 Exhibit 15?
- 4 A. I -- I mean, I did the intake, and then
- 5 the investigator compiled the information
- 6 together and gave it to me to sign.
- 7 Q. When you filled out Defendants'
- 8 Exhibit 15, were you represented by counsel at
- 9 the time?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did someone call and tell you that you
- 12 needed to -- why you needed to do Defendants'
- 13 Exhibit 15 in addition to Exhibit 14?
- 14 A. The investigator who was assigned to me
- 15 just said that I needed -- that she had some
- 16 documents that she needed me to sign.
- 17 Q. Okay. And that was one of them?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know what the other documents
- 20 were that she gave you to sign?
- 21 A. This one right here.
  - Q. Okay. But anything besides that? You
- 23 said documents plural, which is what I was
- 24 wondering.

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25 A. Lapologize. Document.

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- 1 A. I -- yes.
- Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Okay. The one you
- 3 filed on August 3 was filed against Dynamic
- 4 Security.
- 5 MR. REDMOND: Anyone remember what
- 6 those numbers were for the two charges?7 MS. LEONARD: 13 and 14.
- 8 MR. REDMOND: 13 and 14? Here. Let me 9 pull those out.
- 10 MS. LEONARD: Actually, 14 and 15.
- 11 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Once you get a
- 12 chance, can we take a break?
- 13 MR. REDMOND: This would be a good
- 14 time. And if anyone needs lunch, say so. I'm
- 15 fine, but if Ms. Key needs it or the court
- 16 reporter needs it.
- 17 (Break.)
- 18 Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) You understand 19 you're still under oath, Ms. Key?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I show you earlier what was marked as
- 22 Defendants' Exhibit 14. This is your charge of
- 23 discrimination that was filed. It lists as the
- 24 name of who it's against, it says Dynamic
- 25 Security, Inc. Do you see that?



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1	Q. You did not fill out another intake	1	address as of that date?			
2	questionnaire, did you?	2	A. Yes.			
3	A. No.	3	Q. Do you have any did you have any			
4	Q. But did you understand that it was a	4	issues around that time with respect to			
5	separate charge against Dynamic against the one	5	receiving your mail, that you know of?			
6	versus Hyundai?	6	A. I don't remember.			
7	A. No.	7	Q. Do you know of any other mail that you			
8	MS. PALMER: Object to form.	8	did not receive during that time period, the			
9	Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) You didn't	9	first week or so of March 2019?			
10	understand that? What did you think that they	10	A. I don't know.			
11	were?	11	Q. Who normally gets the mail at your			
12	A. Together.	12	house?			
13	Q. And what made you think that they were	13	A. It just depends.			
14	together?	14	Q. I mean, I assume is it either you or			
15	A. Because I was with both I mean, both	15	your husband?			
16	companies were I worked for Dynamic and I	16	A. Yes.			
17	worked at the Hyundai site. So I just figured	17	Q. Is there anyone else who gets the mail?			
18	that they were together.	18	A. No.			
19	Q. But do you see that they have two	19	Q. Any other family members that live with			
20	separate charge numbers? If you'll	20	you other than you and your husband and your			
21	A. Yes, I see that, yes.	21	three children? I guess it would have been			
22	<u>-</u>	22	two well, it was two at the time?			
23	for identification.)	23	A. What year?			
24	Q. All right, Ms. Key. I'm showing you	24	Q. 2019, It would have been three.			
25		25	A. Yeah.			
1	Page 186 recognize that document?	1	Page 188  Q. Other than you and your husband and			
2	A. No.	2	your three children, anyone else live with you?			
3	Q. Had you ever seen that document before	3	A. No.			
4	today?	4	Q. Anyone else get your mail for you?			
5	A. No.	5	A. No.			
0	O Olivir Um gains to sense and to you	5	A. NO.			

Q. Do you have any explanation why, if 7 this was mailed to you, why you did not receive

8 it?

A. You'd have to talk to the postal 9

10 service. I don't know.

11 (Defendants' Exhibit 23 was marked 12

for identification.) Q. Let me show you next what's marked as 13

14 Defendants' Exhibit 23, ask do you recognize

15 that document?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Tell us for the record what that

18 document is.

19 A. A determination letter. 20

Q. Okay. And what address was that sent

21 to?

22 A. My address.

23 Q. And for the record, can you tell us

24 what that is?

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Q. Okay. I'm going to represent to you

7 that it's the notice of dismissal of your charge

8 and of your right to sue relating to the charge

9 you filed against Dynamic Security. And it's

10 your testimony that you've never seen this

11 before?

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A. No.

MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Following the suit?

Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Well, have you seen 14

15 it since the lawsuit has been filed?

16 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Hyundai Motor

17 Manufacturing, Alabama? 18

MR. REDMOND: Dynamic.

MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Dynamic.

Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Have you seen it

21 since the lawsuit has been filed?

22 A. I don't -- I don't remember. I don't 23 remember.

24 Q. This indicates that it was mailed to 25 you around March 1, 2019. Is that your right



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1	Q. Is that the same one as what we looked	1	A. I don't know.		
2	at earlier?  A. Yes.	2	Q. And it's sent to the same W		
3		3	address as the other documents w	ve nave been	
4	Q. And did you receive this determination in the mail?	4	looking at?		
5	A. Yes.	5	A. Yes.	and those	
7	Q. At what point in time, and just tell me	-	Q. Well, what did you understa		
8	the year. Don't want to know what you talked	7	last three documents that we were	_	
9	about. But at what point in time did you retain	8	what impact, if any, did you think t the original charge you had filed a	-	
10	counsel?	10	Dynamic Security?	ganist	
11	A. 2020.	11	A. That they were all the same	e thing	
12	Q. And this says that it was mailed out on	12	Q. And other than the fact tha		
13	or around June 10th of 2019. Do you know if you	13	you were working for Dynamic at	-	
14	would have received it around that same time?	14	facility, is there a reason why you	-	
15	A. I don't know.	15	they were all combined into one?	inought that	
16	(Defendants' Exhibit 24 was marked	16	A. I just figure, I mean, with th	ıe.	
17	for identification.)	17	information I gave, they just put e		
18	Q. I show you next what we'll mark as	18	together. I don't	ro.ya.m.g	
19	Defendants' Exhibit 24.	19	Q. But you knew that you had	filed two	
20	I'm going to show you what's marked as	20	separate charges; right?		
21	Defendants' Exhibit 24, ask if you recognize	21	A. When I filed my charge, I d	idn't I	
22	that document?	22	• •		
23	A. Yes.	23	separate charges. I figured they		
24	Q. That's the letter from the EEOC telling	24			
25	you that conciliation efforts on your charge had	25	Q. But when we looked at 14	at	
1	Page 190 failed? Is that an accurate description?	1	Exhibits 14 and 15 earlier, there were	Page 192	
2	A. It just says that they won't bring a	2	separate charges filed; right? One th		
3	lawsuit against the respondent.	3	Dynamic as the employer and one th		
4	Q. Okay. But do you remember receiving	4	as the employer; right? We can get		
5	that letter in the mail?	5	out again if you want us to.	mom baon	
6	A. Yes.	6	A. Yeah, but I didn't know that the	ev were	
7	Q. Did you have any issue with receiving	7	two like I've never done this. So w	=	
8	that? Or was it delayed of any sort that you	8	went to do the charges, I'm thinking t	that	
9	know after the date it looks like it was mailed?	9	everything is together.		
10	A. I don't remember.	10	Q. When you filed your second of	charge, the	
11	Q. But that did come in the mail; right?	11	one that lists HMMA as the employe	er, what did	
12	A. Yes.	12	the EEOC investigator tell you abou	t that charge	
13	(Defendants' Exhibit 25 was marked	13	and why you needed to file that char	-	
14	for identification.)	14	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Form	•	
15	Q. Let me show you what's marked as	15	A. Because it's a document I nee	eded to	
16	Defendants' Exhibit 25. Do you recognize that	16	sign.		
17	document?	17	Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) I mea		
18	A. Yes.	18	that's what you told me earlier. She	•	
19	Q. Tell us what that is.	19	you, "Here's some documents that y	ou need to	
20	A. A Notice of Right to Sue.	20	sign"; right?		
21	Q. And you received that in the mail from	21	A. Yes.		

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23 to why?

25 she had me sign them.



Q. And do you know if there was any delay

22 the EEOC?

25 in receiving that?

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Q. She didn't give you any explanation as

A. You would have to ask her the reason

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1	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: What was that	1	explaining all that. I'm just making sure that			
2	answer? We'd have to ask her?	2	I'm not missing anything.			
3	THE WITNESS: Yes.	3	For instance, are there any medical			
4	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Okay. Thank you.	4	bills that you've had well, did you have			
5	Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Is there anything	5	insurance through Dynamic?			
6	anyone from the EEOC said that led you to	6	A. No.			
7	believe that the two were combined into one	7	Q. Okay. Your husband had insurance			
8	charge?	8	through UPS?			
9	A. I don't think it's any I don't know.	9	A. Yes.			
10	I know that when I went there to do the charge	10	Q. Okay. So, for instance, there's no			
11	and with that they just I just figured	11	medical bills that you had to pay out of pocket			
12	that it was all just the same thing. I didn't	12	that you claim Dynamic would have paid for?			
13	know that it was separate.	13	<ul> <li>A. If I worked there long enough, I would</li> </ul>			
14	<ul> <li>Q. Anything anyone from Dynamic Security</li> </ul>	14	have had insurance. But I worked less than four			
15	ever said to you that made you think they were	15	hours, so I filled out the paperwork to get			
16	just one charge as opposed to two separate	16	insurance.			
17	charges?	17	Q. Really? Was Dynamic's insurance better			
18	A. I haven't spoken with anyone from	18	than UPS? Because I understand UPS has pretty			
19	Dynamic Security.	19	good			
20	Q. And as I understand the claims you've	20	A. I don't think that really matters			
21	talked about today against Dynamic Security, you	21	Q benefits.			
22	think they discriminated against you because of	22	A whether the insurance is better if			
23	your hairstyle; right?	23				
24	A. And my pregnancy.	24	Q. Okay. Well, then I'll go back to my			
25	Q. And your pregnancy and retaliated	25	question, then. If you had been able to stay at			
1	Page 194 against you because you made complaints	1	Page 196 Dynamic long enough to get insurance, are there			
2	A. Yes.	2	any medical bills that you had to pay out of			
3	Q about those; correct?	3	pocket that you think that insurance would have			
4	A. Yes.	4	paid for?			
5	Q. Can you tell me how have you been	5	A. I mean, if I had doctor appointments.			
6	damaged by the acts that you say happened by	6	I wear glasses. Vision. Dental. I don't think			
7	Dynamic Security?	7	I can specify certain ones because you don't			
8	A. Can you define damaged?	8	know what could have happened during the time			
9	Q. Well, sure. So there could be we'll	9	medical-wise.			
10	start economically. Have you done any	10	Q. Do you not have do you have dental			
11	calculations into how much you think you're	11	through your husband?			
12	•	12	A. Currently, yes.			
I	damaged economically?	13	Q. Right. Well, did you have how long			
13	A. I'm leaving all that to my attorneys.					
14	Q. I think your attorneys may have done	14	has your husband been working for UPS?			
15	that for us. So there's back pay loss; right?	15	A. Since 2013.			
16	A. Are you asking me that question?	16	Q. And is it right what I'm saying?			
17	Q. Yes. I'm asking you. There's back pay	17	Doesn't UPS have pretty good insurance plans?			
18	loss?	18	A. I don't know compared to Dynamic			
19	A. Yeah, I believe it's one of the	19	Security's plans.			
20	exhibits that outlines what they prepared.	20	Q. Fair enough. But you have dental, you			
21	Q. Okay. Yeah. And so is there any other	21	have health, you have vision insurance all			

through UPS?A. Yes.

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Q. Understanding they've done a good job 25 specify for us today that you think would have



24 of that part up to my attorneys.

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22 economic loss other than back pay?

A. I would have to just -- I'm leaving all

Q. Is there any of those that you can

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1	been paid for if you had stayed at Dynamic long	1	you to go see Ms. Sanchez?		
2	enough and you became eligible for it?	2	A. No.		
3	A. All of them.	3	Q. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm going		
4	Q. All right. So how much do you have	4	to assume it was not your lifelong dream to work		
5	a number of how much you think you're out?	5	in the mail room for Dynamic Security, was it?		
6	A. No, I can't give you an exact number.	6	Listen. All jobs have a value. I		
7	Q. I mean, can you give me a ballpark as	7	understand that. Everything you do to help your		
8	to how much you think you would have had to pay	8	family out has honor to it. But I'm going to		
9	that you think Dynamic's insurance might have	9	assume you didn't get your master's degree so		
10	paid for some day?	10	you could work in the mail room?		
11	A. No.	11	A. At that moment, it was a it was my		
12	<ul> <li>Q. Any other way that you think you have</li> </ul>	12	job and I wanted to see where it could go.		
13	been damaged noneconomic?	13	Q. Okay. You needed a job, and is it your		
14	<ul> <li>A. Can you be more specific by</li> </ul>	14	testimony that the job at Dynamic was the best		
15	noneconomic?	15	job you could find for you and your family?		
16	Q. Well, you know, noneconomic means not	16	A. It was a job that I wanted to see where		
17	in monetary ways but other ways.	17	l could go within that job.		
18	A. Such as?	18	Q. Have you talked to Ms. Sanchez any		
19	Q. Well, I'm asking you. Do you think	19	about what happened at Dynamic Security?		
20	there's any ways that you have been damaged	20	A. Yes.		
21	other than economically?	21	Q. Okay. Tell me what you have told her.		
22	A. I would like I mean so I can	22	A. What happened.		
23	answer your question specifically, so like I	23	Q. And have you talked about other things		
24	would like for you to say or ask me noneconomic	24	that have occurred in your life?		
25	as in	25	A. Yes.		
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1	Q. Let me ask you	1	Q. What other events or circumstances in		
2	A. Okay.	2	your life do you and Mrs. Sanchez talk about?		
3	Q. Let me ask you this since you're having	3	A. Just jobs.		

4 some trouble with this question.

5 A. Okay.

Q. Have you been to seek any mental health

7 counseling because of what happened at Dynamic?

A. I do see a therapist, yes.

Q. Okay. How long have you been seeing

10 the therapist?

11 A. For about a little bit over a year.

Q. And who is it that you're seeing? 12

13 A. Her name is Lillian.

14 Q. Where is she located?

15 A. It's virtual.

16 Q. Do you know her first name?

17 A. Lillian.

Q. I'm sorry. Do you know her last name? 18

19 A. Sanchez.

20 Q. And I assume you pay for that?

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22 Q. Can you give me the date when you first

23 started seeing Ms. Sanchez?

24 A. I don't remember the exact date.

Q. Was there an event or events that led

A. Just jobs.

Q. So is it mostly work-related stuff that

5 you're talking to her about?

6 A. Yes.

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7 Q. How did you find Ms. Sanchez?

A. Through my doctor.

Q. And what's the doctor?

10 A. Brooke Robinson.

Q. And is that a female? 11

12 A. Yes.

Q. Where is -- we'll just call her 13

14 Dr. Robinson. Where is Dr. Robinson's office?

15 A. In Montgomery.

Q. Do you know what group or practice

17 she's with?

18 A. Jackson.

Q. She's at Jackson Hospital? Or is that

20 the name of the group?

21 A. It's -- the group is Jack -- I don't

22 know the -- it's Jackson -- I think it is with

23 Jackson Hospital.

24 Q. And do you know what it was that led

25 her to have you talk with Ms. Sanchez?



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- A. I just -- I just asked her did she know
- 2 of any therapist.
- 3 Q. Has Brooke Robinson diagnosed you with
- any mental diseases or issues of any sort,
- depression, anything of that sort?
- 6
- 7 Q. Have you ever been treated for -- a
- doctor for depression?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Have you ever taken any medication for
- 11 depression?
- A. I -- yes, I have. 12
- 13 Q. All right. What have you taken and
- when did you start taking it? 14
- 15 A. I don't remember the name of it, but it
- was -- I don't take it anymore and I took it
- 17 briefly. And I don't even -- I can't tell you
- the exact date.
- 19 Q. Was it before or after you went to work
- 20 for Dynamic?
- 21 A. After.
- 22 Q. Did a doctor prescribe that for you?
- 23
- 24 Q. Do you know what doctor?
- 25 A. Robinson.

- Q. I mean, if I was -- if I had been
- 2 following you around 24 hours a day since you
- stopped working at Dynamic, what would I have
- seen that would have indicated that you were
- 5 feeling emotionally upset about what happened?
- 6 A. Questioning if I was good enough.
  - Q. Okay. And I understand, but what would
- I have seen? What would be an outward
- appearance of that?
- 10 A. I don't think I can really describe
- 11 what -- describe it.
- 12 Q. Yeah, and I'm not asking you to
- 13 describe your feelings. I'm just asking you
- what me or anyone else would have seen. 14
- 15 A. I don't know because I -- I don't know
- 16 you seeing me what you would perceive, because
- 17 your perception of how I may be can be --
- another person can have a different perception,
- 19 so it won't be the same. That's what I'm
- 20 saying, feeling less than --
- 21 Q. What I'm asking you, you tell me your
- 22 perception of changes that have occurred in your
- life other than just your feelings that you
- 24 relate to what happened at Dynamic.
- 25 A. I mean, feeling less than. It affects

1 how you view yourself.

- Q. Okay. But is there any way that
- 3 manifests itself other than you just feeling
- that way? Which is fine. I'm just asking if
- 5 there's any way that's manifested. I mean, have
- you -- you know, have you gained 50 pounds, lost
- 7 50 pounds, become an alcoholic, things I've
- 8 heard over the years.
- 9 Anything along -- any major changes in
- 10 your life that you attribute to what happened at
- 11 Dynamic?
- 12 A. Just like my interactions with people
- sometimes, with my children. 13
- 14 Q. Are you harsher toward them because of
- 15 it?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Is there any activities that you used
- 18 to engage in -- hobbies, things of that sort --
- that you no longer do that you attribute to what
- 20 happened at Dynamic?
- 21 A. I used to write a lot. I don't do
- 22 that.
- Q. I'm sorry. You used to what? 23
- 24 A. Write.
- 25 Q. Like what kind of things did you write?

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- Q. Have you in the last, I'll say last ten
- 2 years, seen any other mental health
- 3 professionals?
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- 5 Q. Have you sought counseling from your
- pastor or anyone else over what happened at
- Dynamic?
- 8 A. No.
- Q. Any other way? Maybe you're sort of
- 10 getting the gist of what I'm -- any other ways
- noneconomically -- like emotionally, socially --
- 12 how what happened at Dynamic has impacted your
- 13 life?
- 14 A. Emotionally.
- 15 Q. Okay. Tell me how it's impacted you
- 16 emotionally.
- A. By making me feel less than as a woman 17 18
- and as a black woman.
- 19 Q. And how does what happened there make 20 you feel less than you are as a black woman?
- 21 A. As if my appearance is not good enough.
- 22 Q. All right. Other than feeling bad
- 23 about that, is there any way that's manifested
- 24
- 25 A. What do you mean?



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1	Page 205 A. Just stories. Just like, you know,	1	Page 207 union hiring hall trying to find work?
2	stuff like that.	2	A. No.
3	Q. Did you sell them to magazines?	3	Q. Okay. Somewhere I had a note that
4	A. No.	4	something about a union hiring hall. I may be
5	Q. Have you ever tried to sell any of	_	
١	those?	5	confusing two cases.
6	A. No.	6	Is it accurate to say that, except for
7		7	maybe a two-month time period, that you have
8	Q. How often would you write?	8	been pretty much continually employed since you
9	A. I mean, just whenever I was felt	9	started working for the cleaners in 2018?
10	like writing. I mean, every day, every other	10	A. Yes.
11	day.	11	Q. And I think you told me that you
12	Q. And when is the last time that you	12	started looking for work the month of August of
13		13	2017; right?
14	A. I don't remember.	14	A. I believe so, yes.
15	Q. And you attribute the fact that you	15	Q. Did you tell me could you remember
16	don't write anymore to what happened at Dynamic?	16	when you went to work for the cleaners in
17	A. I just really question my like	17	Montgomery in 2018?
18	who my place in the world of who I was as far	18	A. I don't remember the exact date.
19	as being a woman and being with child and being	19	Q. Was it the first half of the year,
20	an African American woman and how I just	20	second half?
21	question things like that.	21	A. First half.
22	Q. And I understand that. But my	22	Q. What did you do to try and find work
23	questions were a little more specific. Are you	23	prior to finding that position with the
24	attributing to the fact you no longer write to	24	cleaners?
25	what happened to you at Dynamic Security?	25	A. Look on jobsites such as Indeed. Just
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1	A. Yes and no.	1	go to different you know, just go to like
2	Q. Can you explain the yes and no?	2	maybe like I went to like different colleges to
3	A. I mean, like I don't think the	3	see what they were hiring for. Just research
4	because it makes you it made me question who	4	different job agencies.
5	I was as a person and how I was viewed by the	5	Q. Were you offered any positions prior to
6	world. And so it made me not be so interested	6	the cleaners job that you turned down?
7	in things that I normally, such as writing,	7	A. I don't remember.
8	would be interested in.	8	Q. Did you actually submit any
9	Q. Okay. All right. Anything else?	9	applications anywhere?
ı	Anything else that you were interested in or	10	A. For employment?
11	would be interested in that you're not because	11	Q. Yes.
12	of what you allege happened at Dynamic Security?	12	A. Yes.
13	A. No.	13	Q. How many would you say?
14	MS. PALMER: Can we take a short break?	14	A. Hundreds.
15	MR. REDMOND: Yes, we may.	15	Q. Was there particular industries or jobs
16	(Break.)	16	
1,0	(DIEGR.)	10	you were looking for:

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A. No.

Q. Did you go on any interviews before 18 19 having the job at the cleaners? 20 A. I don't remember. Q. Do you remember if there were any 21 22 prospective employers that you felt pretty good 23 about that you wanted to get that job? 24 A. No.

Q. Take a look at, if you would,



18 understand you're still under oath?

Q. Is that Lillian's company?

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A. Yes.

A. Yes.

Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Ms. Key, you

Q. Your interrogatory responses refer to

Q. Did you at some point go through a

something called Sabree Therapeutical Services?

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June 20, 2022 DAVITA M. KEY vs HYUNDAI MOTOR MANUFACTURING Page 209 Page 211 1 Exhibit 17. It's this handwritten complaint of Q. The next paragraph says "On my arrival 2 for my first day at work, both Ms. Williams and 2 yours. Here. I think it's Exhibit 17. 3 Before I ask you that, let me be sure I Ms. Robinson saw me, spoke with me and saw my understand this. The statement that we looked hair. It was the same as in my initial 5 at earlier, the one-page statement, you gave interview. Neither of them said anything." that to Mr. Cureton; right? Were the two of them together or was 7 A. Yes. 7 that seeing them separately? 8 Q. The first sentence on this says "I 8 A. Separately. 9 refute some of the claims Ms. Gloria Robinson Q. Page -- if you'll look at page 3. This 10 has said in her statement concerning my is not a big deal. I'm trying to make sure I discharge from HMMA." have this date right. 12 You said, the first full paragraph, 12 What are you referring to by "her 13 statement"? Is that a written statement? says "I did ask Nicole, who I later was told was the office manager, was there a problem with my 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. How did you see the written statement? 15 hair on Thursday, July 27, 2017." 16 16 A. Ray Cureton showed it to me. Wasn't that July 21? Wasn't the 17 Q. When did he show it to you? 17 testimony today consistent that was July 21 that 18 A. On August 8th. 18 you --Q. So on August -- I think you told me 19 A. I don't remember. It was whatever date 19 20 August 8th is the last day you had any 20 I went there for training. 21 Q. And whatever date you signed all these discussion with anyone at Dynamic; right? 22 A. Yes. 22 policies? So if these policies are all dated Q. So did you go to the Dynamic facility 23 July 21? 23 24 A. I mean, it's whatever day I went there 24 on the 8th? 25 A. Yes. 25 for training. They could have had the training Page 210 Page 212 1 Q. What was your purpose in going to the 1 on a different day. I don't remember. Dynamic facility on the 8th? 2 Q. But it's also the same day that you 3 signed those policies; right? 3 A. I don't remember exactly why I went 4 there. 4 A. It may not be. 5

Q. Okay. So you could have signed the --

6 okay. Because I thought your testimony had been

pretty clear that you went over there for one day for training.

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So let me go back and ask you this.

10 When you went there the day you signed the

policies, there all day July the 21st, what else

do you recall happening that day?

A. Honestly, I do not remember.

14 Q. But there was a day of training? You

15 did go to the Dynamic facility for training?

A. Yes. They had some videos to watch. 16

Q. And who handled that?

18 A. I don't -- I mean, I don't know who the

19 person was. He did it in groups.

20 Q. And what were the videos about that you

21 watched?

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22 A. I don't remember.

23 Q. Do you recall what other training you

24 might have had other than watching some videos?

25 A. No.

- 5 Q. Okay. Did you speak with anyone else besides Mr. Cureton?
- 7 A. Nicole.
- 8 Q. Tell me first what did you and Nicole talk about.
- A. I don't remember. 10
- 11 Q. You don't remember anything at all?
- 12
- 13 Q. What did you and Mr. Cureton talk 14 about?
- 15 A. He showed me a statement from
- 16 Ms. Gloria Robinson, and I asked him could I write a response to it.
- Q. Did he tell you whether he had 18 19 permission to show you that?
- 20 A. I don't remember.
- 21 Q. Anything else you and Mr. Cureton
- 22 talked about?
- A. I asked him could I get a copy of it
- 24 and a copy of this statement, and he told me I
- could not.



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- 1 Q. Now, this says on here you "asked
- 2 Nicole, who I later was told was the office
- 3 manager." So who told you that Nicole was the
- 4 office manager?
- 5 A. I don't remember exactly who told me
- 6 that.
- 7 Q. Do you know when you found that out?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. So am I right that when you asked
- 10 Nicole whether there was a problem on your hair,
- 11 you didn't know she was the office manager at
- 12 the time?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Okay. And you don't know when you
- 15 found out that she was the office manager;
- 16 right?
- 17 A. I mean, it had to be prior to
- 18 July 31st.
- 19 Q. Why do you say that? I mean, this is
- 20 dated August 8, so how do you know it had to be
- 21 before July the 31st?
- 22 A. Because it's dated August 8th, so I'm
- 23 responding to something that Ms. Gloria Robinson
- 24 said. So it had to be prior to my first day at
- 25 work.

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  1 Q. Well, I'm just asking. I don't see the
  2 connection there, if you can help me. What is
- 3 it that that makes you think --
- 4 A. This is only dated August 8th because
- 5 that's when I was shown what Gloria Robinson
- 6 wrote.
- 7 Q. Right. Right.
- 8 A. So anything that I'm writing in this is
- 9 going to happen prior to August 8th. And I
- 10 was -- prior to me being dismissed from
- 11 Hyundai's site, I knew that Nicole was the
- 12 office manager.
- 13 Q. Okay. Page 4, about at the end of the
- 14 paragraph that starts at -- you say that you
- 15 think it's highly unprofessional and unethical.
- 16 What is it that you think is unethical --
- 17 yeah -- for Ms. Robinson to have called you
- 18 after work to ask you some questions about your
- 19 pregnancy?
- 20 A. Because she had a discussion with other
- 21 people about my pregnancy.
- 22 Q. How do you know that?
- 23 A. Because Tonya Howell told me.
- 24 Q. What did Tonya tell you?
- 25 A. "She told me that you were pregnant."

- Page 215 1 I had already told Tonya, but Tonya said that
- 2 Gloria Robinson had told her also.
- 2 Gioria Robinson nad told her also.
- Q. Okay. So what you think is unethical,
- 4 not that she called you after you left the
- 5 building but that she was talking to others
- 6 about you?

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- 7 A. That. And, also, why would you call
- 8 and ask me when my baby was due.9 Q. Okay. Those are the two things you
- 10 think are unethical?
- 11 A. I mean, I think it's many factors.
  - Q. Well, I was just curious about it
- 13 because the statement you wrote says "I find it
- 14 highly unprofessional for a conversation
- 15 concerning my pregnancy to be held about me
- 16 after I had left and unethical."
- 17 So I didn't know. Are you referring to
- 18 her calling you? Are you referring to her
- 19 telling Tonya Howell?
- 20 A. Her calling me and her telling her
- 21 talking about it openly with other people. When
- 2 I was there, she could have asked me all these
- 23 questions, but she chose until after I left to
- 4 have this discussion about me. So, yes, I think
- 25 that is very unprofessional.

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- Q. Earlier you said something about the
- law requires them to show you the hair policy.
- 3 Do you remember telling me that?
- 4 A. Requires you to show me the policies as
- 5 far as the rules and regulations.
  - Q. What do you base it on that the law
- 7 requires you to be shown this?
- A. Because how do you -- if you have
- 9 paralegals who work for you and you have a
- 10 certain policy, wouldn't you want them to be
- 11 informed?
- 12 Q. Oh, yeah, but that's a big difference
- 3 between saying the law requires it. I'm just
- 14 asking what's your basis for saying that the law
- 15 requires them to show you a copy of the hair
- 16 policy.
- 17 A. Because you have to sign for your
- 8 employee handbook. So, legally, I have to say
- 19 that I received and I'm aware of it, so,
- 20 legally, they have a right to show me something
- 21 that I have to adhere by.
- 22 Q. I mean, you don't have any --
- 23 A. I'm not an attorney, so --
- 24 Q. -- legal training, do you? Do you have
- 25 any legal training?



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- A. No, I don't.
- 2 Q. I mean, have you gone and researched
- 3 this about what a company is required to show
- 4 you?

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- 5 A. I have done research to see if I'm
- 6 obligated to see a policy concerning my -- the
- 7 rules and regulations for where I'm employed.
  - Q. All right. And what did you find?
- 9 A. That I should be shown policy.
- 10 Q. So is that what you base that on, what
- 11 you found doing your own legal research? I'm
- 12 just trying to find out what the basis was for
- 13 your testimony earlier today that the law
- 14 requires them to show you the policy.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And, in fact, your testimony has been
- 17 that at some point they did; right?
- 18 A. Reluctantly.
- 19 Q. Yeah, I was going ask. I had a note to
- 20 ask you that question.
- 21 Why did you say Ms. Williams was
- 22 reluctant to show you the policy?
- 23 A. Because she told me she didn't have to
- 24 show it to me.
- 25 Q. Anything else other than her telling

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  1 understanding, was that a possible permanent
- 2 solution to the problem?
  - A. I'm not sure. I was just told that I
- 4 would have to wear a hat all day every day. And
- 5 my intentions were to go that weekend and get my
- 6 hair styled to their liking.
  - Q. Did you ever tell anybody at Dynamic
- 8 that, that you were going this weekend to get
- 9 your hair --

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- 10 A. Yes, I told Gloria Robinson.
- 11 Q. When?
- 12 A. When I came back to work on the 1st and
- 13 I asked her was this about my hair. And I told
- 14 her that my stylist did not work on Tuesdays and
- 15 that I would get a weekend appointment.
- 16 Q. And that's when she led you to believe
- 17 it was something else?
- 18 A. Yes. No, she told me it was something
- 19 else. She didn't lead me to believe.
- 20 Q. Okay. Fair enough.
- 21 MR. REDMOND: This will be marked as
- 22 Exhibit 26.

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- 23 (Defendants' Exhibit 26 was marked
  - for identification.)
- 25 MR. REDMOND: Leslie, I'm going to need

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- 1 you that?
- A. Gloria Robinson said how dare I ask her sto show it to me.
- 4 Q. This was after the fact; right?
- 5 A. After I asked to see the policy.
- 6 Q. Was this during the conversation
- 7 between you, Ms. Robinson, and Ms. Williams?
- A. This was right there in that office
- 9 right there on July 31st.
- 10 Q. Anything else other than those that
- 11 makes you think she was reluctant to show you
- 12 the policy?
- 13 A. Yeah, because she didn't want to -- she
- 14 told me she didn't want to show it to me. So,
- 15 yeah.
- 16 Q. Other than that? Anything else?
- 17 Anything about her body language, for instance,
- 18 that showed that she was reluctant?
- 19 A. She was yelling.
- 20 Q. Ms. Williams was?
- 21 A. Yep.
- 22 Q. The solution that you had on day two of
- 23 your employment, which was to wear a cap --
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. -- was that a possible -- to your

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- 1 you to look on with her because my other one is2 marked up.
- 3 MS. PALMER: What is it?
- 4 MR. REDMOND: It's her rebuttal to the
- 5 EEOC charge.
- 6 What number is this?
- 7 THE COURT REPORTER: 26.
- 8 MR. REDMOND: 26.
- 9 Q. All right. Take as much time as you
- 10 need to read this and tell me when you're ready.
- 11 (Pause.)
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. You recognize this document?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. This was -- well, you tell us. What is
- 16 this document?
- 17 A. A rebuttal.
- 18 Q. Had you received something in the mail
- 19 from the EEOC that told you that they were going
- 20 to find against you on your charge against
- 21 Dynamic?
- 22 A. Had I what?
- 23 Q. Let me ask it this way. What led you
- 24 to send this?
- 25 A. It's a rebuttal to the EEOC charge. So



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- 1 Dynamic got the charge and they issued their
- 2 statements and I rebuttaled to what they said.
- Q. Did someone show you a copy of
- Dynamic's position statement? 4
- 5 A. I mean, I got -- I received it in the
- 6 mail.
- 7 Q. Okay. How many pieces of
- correspondence did you receive in the mail from
- 9 the EEOC related to the Dynamic charge?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. So you go into Birmingham on the 2nd,
- 12 right, and fill out the intake questionnaire in
- person there; correct?
- A. I believe it was the 3rd. It was the 14
- 15 2nd or the 3rd.
- 16 Q. All right. And then your charge is
- 17 dated August 3; right? We can look at it. It's
- going to be Defendants' Exhibit either 14 or 15.
- 19 A. August 3rd.
- Q. Okay. So did you have to go back in a 20
- 21 second time? Or did they mail you a copy of the
- 22 charge?
- 23 A. They mailed me a copy.
- 24 Q. Okay. So the charge that you signed,
- 25 the EEOC mailed to you; is that right?

- A. Yes.
  - Q. All right. Had you received anything
- else in the mail from the EEOC prior to that
- 4 point?

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- 5 A. Prior to October 4th? I don't
- 6 remember. I would have to look.
  - Q. Did you receive anything from the EEOC
- after October 4th in the mail relating to the
- 9 Dynamic charge?
- 10 A. I don't remember. I know I received my
- 11 entire case thing when they gave me the right to
- sue letter and I requested for my entire case
- thing. But other than that, I don't know.
  - Q. And the position statement they sent
- 15 you, that was drafted by someone at Dynamic;
- 16 right?
- 17 A. What do you mean, the position
- 18 statement?
- 19 Q. Didn't the EEOC send you a copy of
- 20 Dynamic's position on the charge?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. All right. And that was drafted by
- 23 someone at Dynamic; right?
- 24 A. I don't know.
- 25 Q. Okay. But you understood what they

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- 1 A. What do you mean?
- 2 Q. I mean, the EEOC sent you first-class
- 3 mail at your home address on Wrangler Road?
- 4 A. The intake, I signed that at the EEOC
- 5 office.
- Q. Right, right. But they mailed the
- other one to you?
- 8 A. This one?
- 9 Q. To sign?
- 10 A. They emailed it to me.
- 11 Q. Emailed, okay. Emailed it to you.
- 12 Okay.
- 13 All right. And did they subsequently
- send you by mail or by email a letter saying
- that they were about to find against you?
- Here's Dynamic's position statement. Would you
- like to offer a rebuttal? 17
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. That's what happened?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. How did they send that to you?
- 22 A. By mail.
- 23 Q. Okay. Regular U.S. postage mail?
- 24
- 25 Q. And that one got to you no problem?

- Page 224 were sending you was Dynamic's position; right?
- 2 A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. And this, at that point, had
- nothing to do with any Hyundai entity; right?
- This was just a charge against Dynamic?
  - A. I don't know because, like I said
- 6 7 earlier, I'm thinking that everything is
- 8 together. So I'm not -- it's not fully
- explained to me. Even though that Dynamic
- 10 Security and Hyundai are two separate, I'm
- thinking they work together. So that had not
- 12 been explained.
- 13 Q. The position statement that was sent to
- you to review, did it have anything that
- 15 indicated it was on behalf of Hyundai?
- A. I don't remember. I would have to look 16
- 17 at it.
- 18 Q. Second paragraph here. This is where I
- 19 saw the part that says I can produce the phone
- 20 records. And we talked about that.
- 21 But this says you visited the office on
- 22 August 8th in reference to working assignments.
- 23 Does that refresh your recollection as to why
- 24 you were at the office on August 8th?
- 25 A. Yes.



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### DAVITA M. KEY DAVITA M. KEY vs HYUNDAI MOTOR MANUFACTURING

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Q. You were asked some questions this

morning about what documents you reviewed to
prepare for your deposition today. And I think

4 all I wrote down was the things that you had5 given to my attorneys.

Are you able to give us any better
detail about what you looked at to prepare for
your deposition today?

9 A. The complaint that was filed.

10 Q. Okay. All right. And I stand

11 corrected. You did say that you looked at the

12 complaint. And then when you were asked if you

13 looked at anything else, you said, "Well, I

14 looked at the information that I gave to my15 attorneys."

Are there any documents other than the complaint -- which is kind of long -- but was there anything else other than the complaint

that you looked at to prepare for yourdeposition today?

21 A. I mean, I looked at the complaint that

was filed. I reviewed the handbook that I wasgiven by Dynamic Security.

Q. Okay. That's what I'm talking about,okay. Any --

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1 A. What I had written initially with 2 the -- and submitted to the EEOC.

Q. I need to put -- I heard you use the

4 word -- the N-word this morning. That was

5 Nicole who told you you haven't been

6 discriminated against because they haven't used 7 that word against you?

8 A. She said that, "You haven't really been

9 discriminated against." She said, "I've been

10 called," and she said, "the N-word." She said,11 "You haven't been called that. They didn't call

12 you that."

13 Q. And she's an African American also;14 right?

15 A. Yes.

Q. When Ray Cureton told you they did notwant you at the facility anymore, did he

18 specifically mention Gloria Robinson by name?

A. That's who the -- when we were talking and I was talking with him, that's who the

21 conversation was about. He was saying like,

22 "Oh, I've known her," and, "She's not like

23 that," and, you know, "They don't want you 24 there."

25 And he said like -- and I was like,

Page 227 "Who?" And he said, "Gloria Robinson." And

2 then I asked him, "Why?" He said, "Because of

3 your hair and something else."

4 Q. That's the only name he mentioned?

A. I don't remember exactly. I know he

6 mentioned her name.

7 Q. You testified that Ray Cureton -- that

8 you talked to Ray Cureton and Nicole about other

9 jobs, and they said they would let you know when

10 something was available. Were the two of them

11 together when that was said?

A. Every time I spoke with one, I --

13 except for the time when I asked Nicole about my

14 hair, he would have her there with him.

15 Q. Take a look at, if you would, at

16 Defendants' Exhibit 10, the handbook that was

17 given to you.

18 You said something after the break,

19 when Mr. Middlebrooks asked you if you had

20 anything to add, you added something about the

21 jury trial waiver. And I couldn't hear it very

2 well. Do you remember what it was that you --

23 A. I just -- it just -- I just said that

24 "It is the desire of Dynamic Security to resolve

25 disputes whenever possible in a fair and

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1 expeditious manner reflecting the interests of

2 the concerned parties."

3 Q. All right. And you read that part of

4 the handbook when you were hired?

A. I read the entire handbook.

MR. WHITEHEAD: Wes, can we take a very

7 quick, like 30-second break?

MR. REDMOND: Yeah.

9 (Break.)

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10 (Defendants' Exhibit 27 was marked

11 for identification.)

12 Q. I show you what's marked as Defendants'

3 Exhibit 27 and ask you, are you able to identify

14 what that is for us?

15 A. A picture of my hair.

16 Q. Okay. Is that -- what's that supposed

17 to be a picture of?

18 A. How my hair was styled.

19 Q. Normally that's how it's styled? Or is

20 that how it was styled when they said it would

21 be acceptable? Is that the picture you showed

22 them about -- that they said was acceptable?

23 A. No.

24 Q. That's how it was that day that you --

25 A. And in my interview.



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1	Q. Okay. You were asked –	1	Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Key.
2	Let me mark this as Exhibit 28.	2	A. Good afternoon.
3	(Defendants' Exhibit 28 was marked	3	Q. I'm Matt Miller. I represent
4	for identification.)	4	Hyundai ENG, America, Inc., in this case.
5	Q. You were asked some questions about	5	You understand you're still under oath?
6	your unemployment and your appeal, and I don't	6	A. Yes.
7	think we ever got an answer for it.	7	Q. Same ground rules apply to my questions
8	Do you recognize that as the appeal you	8	as applied to the prior two sets of questions.
9	filed	9	You understand that?
10	A. Yes.	10	A. Yes.
11	Q for unemployment?	11	Q. If I ask you a question and you don't
12	A. Yes.	12	understand it, please let me know and I'll try
13	(Defendants' Exhibit 29 was marked	13	to rephrase it, okay?
14	for identification.)	14	A. Okay.
15	Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) Let me show you next	15	Q. If you answer my question, I will
16	what is marked as Exhibit 29. I'm not going to	16	
17	make it to 30.	17	-
18	And this is what you received telling	18	Q. And I'll assume if you answer my
19	you that your appeal had or your request to	19	question that you've given me a complete
20	appeal had been denied?	20	
21	A. Yes.	21	response to the question; is that fair?
22	Q. And did you receive that in the mail?	22	·
23	A. Yes.	23	
24	Q. Did you have any problems receiving	24	3
1	that?	25	
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25 BY MR. MILLER:

Q. (BY MR. REDMOND:) If you will look

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1	Page 233 with me on page 13 of these. Is that your	1	Page 235 response says that you'll produce journal
2	signature?	2	entries
3	A. Yes.	3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And did you review your responses	4	Q okay, that suggests to me that you
5	before you signed this document?	5	must have some journal entries that are
6	A. Yes.	6	responsive to this request.
7	Q. And do you believe everything in your	7	A. To this case. I have to look at them,
8	responses is truthful and accurate?	8	to read them to see.
9	A. Yes.	9	Q. So you have some journal entries that
10	Q. And complete?	10	relate to this case?
11	A. Yes.	11	A. Yes.
12	Q. In responding to our request for	12	Q. And your claims in this case?
13	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	13	A. Yes.
14		14	Q. And they may relate to claims against
15	any documents that you have that you believe	15	other defendants; is that what you're telling
16	support your claims that you have not given to	16	me? You're just not sure if they relate
17	your lawyers?	17	specifically to HEA or other entities?
18	A. No.	18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Any documents, whether they go that	19	Q. Okay. Have you provided those journal
20	might go against your claims in this case that	20	entries to your lawyers?
21	you've not given to your lawyers?	21	A. Yes.
22	A. No.	22	Q. Okay. Because I don't believe I have
23	Q. In your responses, if you would look	23	those. I may be missing them.
24	with me at request Number 9 on page 11, document	24	MS. PALMER: Is this the phone?
25	request Number 9 on page 11. And in that	25	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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1	request, we ask for diaries and calendars or	1	MS. PALMER: This is the phone. Were
2	journals that refer or relate to HEA in any way	2	you part of that conversation? We have a phone
3	from January 1, 2017, to the present. Do you	3	that is a busted phone
4	see that?	4	MR. MILLER: Okay. I'll ask her about
5	A. Yes.	_	it.
16	And in the response there's an	6	O Okay So do you have any journal

Q. And in the response, there's an 7 objection. And then it says "Subject to and 8 without waiving this objection, plaintiff will

9 produce journal entries." Do you see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you have some journal entries that

12 relate to HEA?

A. Yes. 13

14 Q. That refer to HEA?

15 A. It refers to the -- I just want to be

16 clear. Okay. HEA, is that -- when you say HEA,

17 do you mean this entire case or you mean

18 specifically HEA?

Q. I mean specifically Hyundai

20 Engineering, America, Inc. Do you have any

journal entries that refer to that entity or

22 HEA, entity named -- with the initials HEA?

23 A. I don't know. I don't know. I would

24 have to -- I don't know.

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Q. Okay. Do you have any -- because this

Q. Okay. So do you have any journal 7 entries that are not contained on a cell phone?

A. No.

Q. Okay. So when you're referring to

10 journal entries, you're referring to something

11 typed into your phone or dictated into your

12 phone?

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13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what program were those put into?

A. My Notes on my phone.

Q. Okay. What kind of phone did you have? 16

17 A. iPhone.

18 Q. So iPhone is like the Apple Notes?

19 A. Yes.

Q. And you went into the Apple Notes and

21 you made some journal entries?

A. Yes.

23 Q. When did you make those journal

24 entries?

25 A. I don't know the exact day.



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1	Q.	Did you make the journal entries when
2	you w	ere still working for Dynamic Security?
3	A.	No.
4	Q.	Did you make those journal entries
5	so tho	se journal entries were made after your
6	assign	nment, after your work with Dynamic?
7	A.	Yes.
8	Q.	Do you know what year they were made?
9	A.	I don't know the exact year. I don't
10	know	because of the phone, so I can't see I
11	know	they started in 2017. So I don't know the

- 12 length of time that they are. I have to...13 Q. What are the journal entries about?
- 14 A. About the -- just my feelings, how I
- 15 felt about what was happening.
- 16 Q. But they were made after the fact?
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. Is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. I mean, I think you told me they were
- 21 not made while you were working at Dynamic?
- 22 A. That still doesn't mean that they
- 23 can't -- I can't express how I felt during that
- 24 time.
- 25 Q. Okay. But what I'm asking you is the

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. So we've got some journal entries that
- 3 relate to this case, correct, that nobody's ever
- 4 seen except for you?
  - A. Yes.

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- 6 Q. And you haven't seen them since when?
  - A. Since -- I don't remember the last time
- 8 I had that phone. I mean --
- Q. Did you have that phone when you filed
- 10 your EEOC charge against Dynamic?
- 11 A. Yes.
  - Q. And was it working at that time?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you have that phone when you filed
- 15 your EEOC charge against HMMA?
- 16 A. I've had the -- I had the phone in 2017
- 17 for the remainder of the time. And then -- so I
- 18 would say I've had the phone -- I had that
- 19 particular phone from 2017 till maybe 2018.
- 20 Q. And what happened to it?
- 21 A. The screen cracked, so I got a new
- 22 phone.
- 23 Q. And you still have -- I believe --
- 24 we've had some discussions with your lawyer, but
- 25 I just want to ask you about. You still have

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- 1 journal entries were made sometime after you | 1 th
- 2 stopped working at Dynamic; correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And they express how you felt when you
- 5 were working at Dynamic?
- 6 A. When I was working with Dynamic, the
- 7 aftermath of me not working for Dynamic. So
- 8 yes.
- 9 Q. And the journal entries, were they made
- 10 in multiple days or just in one day?
- 11 A. Multiple days.
- 12 Q. Over how long of a period of time?
- 13 A. I don't know. I don't know how long of
- 14 a period.
- 15 Q. Did you ever print them out?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Email them to anybody else?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Text them to anybody else?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Show them to anybody else?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Your husband never saw them?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Lawyers have not seen them?

- 1 this phone somewhere?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Did you give it to your lawyers? They
- 4 have it or do you have it?
  - A. They have it.
- Q. Has anybody else had possession of this
- 7 phone other than you and your lawyers since
- 8 2017?

- 9 A No
- 10 Q. And when did you first give it to your
- 11 lawyers?
- 12 A. I don't remember the exact date.
  - Q. Is there anything else relating to this
- 14 case on that phone other than these journal
- 15 entries?
- 16 A. I don't know. I would have to look at
- 17 it. I mean --
- 18 Q. Is there a copy of the photograph or
- 19 the image that you say you showed to Cassandra
- 20 and Ms. Robinson about the hairstyle that would
- 21 be acceptable, an up-do style I think is how you
- 22 put it?
- 23 A. I don't think so because that image was
- 24 on my Facebook, and I don't have -- I haven't
- 25 had Facebook since 2017. I pulled it up on my



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- 1 Facebook. So I don't know if it's on that
- 2 phone. I showed them through my Face -- on my
- 3 Facebook page.
- Q. Where did you find that style on your
- 5 Facebook -- how did you find it on the Facebook
- 6 page? Was it your style, a style that you --
  - A. It was a picture of me that I posted to
- Facebook that I showed them.
- Q. And when did you post that picture?
- 10 A. I don't -- I mean, I don't know.
- 11 Q. Was it in 2017?
- 12 A. I -- I don't know.
- 13 Q. So we know that before you had this
- 14 conversation with Cassandra and Ms. Robinson,
- that at some point you had worn your hair in a
- 16 different style than you were wearing it in the
- 17 interview; correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And you had worn it in what you called
- 20 an up-do style?
- 21 A. Yes.

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- 22 Q. And was that a more -- would you
- 23 consider that a more conservative style? A
- 24 neater style? How would you describe it?
- A. Just a different hairstyle. 25

- Page 243 wrong way. But when you were born, did you have
- 2 dreadlocks?
- A. I didn't have hair when I was born.
- 4 Q. Okay. Well, when you were an infant,
- 5 did you have dreadlocks?
- A. No.
- 7 Q. When did you first start wearing your
- 8 hair in dreadlock style?
- A. When I was 18.
- 10 Q. And how did you get your hair to get
- 11 into a dreadlock style? Did you apply any kind
- 12 of creams? Or did you go to a stylist to get it
- 13 started? How did you get the dreads started?
- 14 A. I twisted it and let it just take its
- 15 natural form.
- 16 Q. Okay. So did you twist individual
- 17 hairs -- each individual hair into a --
- 18 A. Yes.
  - Q. And tight -- wove it and then you left
- 20 it ---

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- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. -- for an extended period of time and
- 23 it formed tighter locks? Is that how it worked?
- A. Yes. 24
- 25 Q. How long did it take you to get it in

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- Q. Describe it for me because I don't have 2 the image.
- A. Just like if your wife wore her hair in 3
- 4 a bun instead of wearing it down.
- Q. If my wife had dreadlocks and wore her
- 6 hair in a bun?
- A. If your wife wore her hair how she has
- 8 it now in a bun.
- Q. Okay. You couldn't see the dreadlocks 10 at all?
- 11 A. Yes, you could see him. So your
- 12 wife -- I mean, I don't know. I just -- because
- 13 you're married; I saw your ring. But if your
- 14 wife has curly hair and she puts it in a bun,
- 15 that's my hair. You can see it. You can still
- 16 tell that I had dreadlocks. It's just up in a 17 bun.
- 18 Q. And you don't remember -- how long did 19 you wear your hair in that style?
- 20 A. Idon't -- I mean, I don't know. It
- wasn't -- it probably was just -- I just put it
- 22 up. It wasn't -- I don't know how long I wore
- 23 it.
- 24 Q. Let me ask you. I don't want to
- 25 sound -- I don't want this to come across in the

- that style? 1
- 2 A. When I twisted it, it came that style.
- 3 What do you mean? I don't understand the
- question.
- 5 Q. How long did you get it before you
- could call it truly dreadlocks? Was it
- 7 immediate?
- A. Yes. 8

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- Q. How long did it take you to put your
- 10 hair up in the bun style? From the dreadlocks
- 11 into the bun style?
- 12 A. Probably a few years.
  - Q. It took you a few years to get your
- 14 hair into a bun?
  - A. Because it had to grow.
- Q. Okay. Well, once you had dreadlocks,
- 17 correct, you then put it up into a bun?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. When did you put it up into a bun?
- 20 A. When it was long enough for me to put
- 21 into a bun.
- 22 Q. In 2017 when you're interviewing with
- 23 Dynamic, was it long enough for you to put into
- 24 a bun?
- 25 A. Yes.



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1	Q. How long would it have taken you to put	1	Q. Well, it wasn't like that when you were		
2	the hair into a bun?	2	18, was it?		
3	A. Not long.	3	A. Was your hair like that when you were		
4	Q. Is that something you could do	4	18?		
5	yourself?	5	Q. No. I parted it a little different.		
6	A. Yes.	6	A. Okay.		
7	Q. So the style that you showed on your	7	Q. But		
8	phone to them in the bun style is something you	8	A. I feel like that		
9	could have	9	Q. I'm just asking you.		
10	A. Well, not that style because it was how	10	A. And I feel like it's making a mockery		
11	my stylist did it.	11	of who I am.		
12	Q. A similar style? Similar	12	Q. Well, I'm not trying to make a mockery		
13	A. It wouldn't have looked the same, no.	13	of you. I'm addressing your claims, okay? I		
14	Q. How long would it take your stylist to	14	have to represent my client and I have to ask		
15	put your hair up in the style that you showed to	15	questions. Nothing personal.		
16	Ms. Williams and to Ms. Robinson?	16	The I'm just asking you, you chose		
17	A. My appointments usually last two to two	17	when you were 18 to twist your hair up and put		
18	and a half hours.	18	it in a dreadlock style; correct?		
19	Q. And after that, you could have had your	19	A. To wear my hair in its natural state,		
20	hair in that style?	20	yeah. I wear my hair in its natural state.		
21	A. Yes.	21	Q. I'm just asking I'm not asking about		
22	Q. Is this particular hair stylist that	22	natural state. I'm		
23	you go to the only person who can do that for	23	A. That's how that's		
24	you?	24	Q. Let's take that term out. I'm just		
25	A. She's my hair stylist.	25	asking you when you were 18, you chose to twist		
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1	Q. Okay. Lunderstand. Lgo to one	1	your hair up into dreadlocks?		
2	person usually to get my hair cut. But if	2	A. To wear it in its natural state is what		
3	they're not there and I really need something	3	I chose to do at the age of 18, yes.		
4	done like this week, if you look at my	4	Q. And natural state is different than the		
5	hair I sometimes go to somebody else.	5	natural state it was in before you twisted it?		
6	A. She's the only person I could go to.	6	A. It just was not twisted. It was still		
7	Q. Nobody else could put your hair in that	7	in its natural state.		
8	bun?	8	Q. It wasn't in dreadlocks, was it?		
9	A. She's the only person who does my hair,	9	A. No.		
10	who I could go to, yes.	10	Q. Okay.		
11	Q. That's your choice. She's not the only	11	You filed an amended well, let me		
12	personal who's capable of doing it. It's the	12	ask you one more question about your documents.		

- 13 only person you want to do it; is that accurate?
- 14 A. I'm sorry. Oh, you was asking me a 15 question?
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 A. Yeah, she's the person who did my hair, 18 yes.
- 19 Q. She's the one you wanted to do it.
- 20 She's not the only person who could do it?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And wearing your hair in dreadlock
- 23 style, that's something you chose to do?
- 24 A. I'm wearing my hair in its natural
- 25 state.

- You said that you've given all your
- 14 documents to your lawyers. Do you have any
- 15 audio or video recordings of anything that went
- 16 on early in this case?
  - A. No.

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- 18 Q. You want to take a break?
- 19 A. No, I'm fine.
- 20 Q. Okay. I just want to make sure I have
- 21 everything, you know, that you might rely upon
- 22 that I have a chance to see while I'm asking
- 23 about this. But there's nothing else you can
- 24 think of that you haven't provided to your
- 25 lawyers relating to this case?



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1	A. No.	
2	Q. Do you have any other phones other than	
3	the one that's cracked that have any type of	
4	journals or photos or entries related to this	
5	case?	
6	A. No.	
7	Q. And it's your understanding sitting	
8	hearing today that the photo or the image of the	
9	up-do hairstyle that you showed to Cassandra and	d
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- 10 Ms. Robinson would not be available on your
- 11 phone if we could have -- if you did access it;
- 12 is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes. I don't know if it's on there. I
- 14 was -- I don't know.
- 15 Q. What have you done to try to access
- 16 what's on that phone?
- A. Just tried to, you know, turn it on and 17
- 18 tried to touch the screen.
- 19 Q. Okay. It didn't come on?
- 20 A. It's -- I mean, the screen is cracked,
- 21 so you can't -- it's a touch screen phone, so
- you can't utilize it.

A. No.

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- 23 Q. And it's been like that since 2018?
- 24 A. Since whenever the last time I used it.
- 25 Q. Do you remember when that was?

- 1 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: 31?
  - MR. MILLER: Yes.
- 3 MS. PALMER: And while we're here,
- Matt, I think we have a 30 and gave her an 4
- unmarked one, which is the interrogatories.
- Q. (BY MR. MILLER:) When did you take
- 7 these photos?
- 8 A. When they sent me home on August 1st.
- Q. Of 2017? 9
  - A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what phone did you use to take
- 12 these photos?
- A. The phone that I had at that time. 13
  - Q. Is that the one that's now cracked?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And has the journal on it?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Did you print these out? How did we
- 19 get these images?
- A. I -- I think I emailed them with my 20
- 21 EEOC case or something like that.
- 22 Q. To who? To the EEOC?
- 23 A. Yes. I don't remember exactly. I
- 24 didn't print them out. I know they were sent
- 25 via email. Or maybe -- I think I did print them

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- 2 Q. Let me show you some pictures. We
- 3 looked at some pictures earlier. These are just
- 4 in-color photographs that I believe were
- 5 produced to us by your lawyers. I think -- it
- says Key on it; is that right?
- 7 MS. PALMER: Yeah. 271, -72, -73, -74,
- 8 -75, and -76.
- 9 MR. MILLER: Thank you.
- 10 Q. If you'll look through these photos and
- tell me, is this the style your hair was in when
- 12 you interviewed with Dynamic?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And is this the style your hair was in 14
- 15 when your employment ended at Dynamic?
- 16
- Q. Were there any changes in between the 17
- interview and when your employment ended in your
- 19 hairstyle?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 (Defendants' Exhibit 31 was marked 22 for identification.)
- MR. MILLER: So the hairstyle pictures 23
- 24 are Exhibit 31. We've marked them for the
- 25 record.

- Page 252 1 out. I think I had to print them out for either
- 2 the EEOC or for my unemployment hearing. I just
- 3 don't remember which one exactly.
- Q. So you printed out or emailed these
- 5 images of your hair; correct?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. But you didn't print out or email the
- 8 journal entries; correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And didn't print out or email the image
- of the photo of your hair that you said you were
- 12 told would be acceptable; correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And these photos that we're looking at,
- 15 Exhibit 31, they show your hair in dreadlocks?
- 16
- Q. Is it pretty much the same style you 17
- 18 have your hair in today?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Have you done anything to change it
- 21 since 2017?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Between 2017 and now, at any point have
- 24 you worn your hair up in a bun?
- 25 A. I don't -- yes.



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1	Q. Okay. When was that?	1	(Defendants' Exhibit 32 was	s marked
2	A. I don't know.	2	for identification.)	
3	Q. Who put it up in a bun for you?	3	Q. I show you what I have mark	
4	A. My stylist.	4	Defendant HEA's just Defendant	s' Exhibit 32
5	<ul> <li>Q. And then you took it back down out of</li> </ul>	5	since we're going in sequence.	
6	the bun later?	6	Do you recognize that docun	nent?
7	A. Yes.	7	A. Yes.	
8	Q. Because that's what? You just	8	Q. What is that?	
9	wanted a change or	9	A. My résumé.	
10	A. Because I just like if someone	10	Q. When was that created?	
11		11	A. Prior to August 2021. Or m	aybe at
12		12	August 2021. I don't know the exa	act date.
13		13	-	
14		14		
15		15		
16		16	•	
17	0 ,	17	•	
18		18	•	
19	, ,	19	Q. That suggests to me that it	was created
20		20		
21		21	A. Yeah.	
22		22		
23		23	•	ause I knew
24	11.3	24	-	
25		25	-	That was just
	,			
1	Page 254 Q. No, you answered correctly. You	1	Q. Okay. Do you know do yo	Page 256
2	answered fairly. So I'm just going to ask you a	2	it was created?	a Kilow Wileli
3	follow-up question.	3	A. No.	
4	Are you aware of any laws that apply in	4	Q. It would have to be well, w	hen did
5	Alabama that prohibit an employer from having a	5	you get the job?	non ala
6	policy against dreadlocks?	6	A. June of 2021.	
7	A. No.	7	Q. So that was the first time you	ı knew you
8	Q. Have you ever been aware of any laws	8	were going to have that job; correct	-
9	that apply in Alabama that prohibit an employer	9	A. Yes.	• •
10		10	Q. So it was created sometime	after
11	A. No.	11	June 2021?	aitei
12		12		
13	can wear their hair in dreadlocks, can't they?	13		atod vorsions?
14	·	14		ated versions:
15	•	15		hoforo this
16	Q. In general. White people can wear	16	,	belore this
17	_ , ,	17	A. Yes.	
18	A. If that's what they choose to do.	18	Q. When did you create résum	ás hafara
19	Q. It's not just a hairstyle for people	19	this? And let me just ask. Betwee	
20	- , , ,	20	2017 and when you created this ré	_
21	A. If I mean, no, if they choose to	21	there other résumés that you creat	
22	•	22		.eu f
122	wear their fiall like that.	22	A. Yes.	



Q. Is that correct? I mean, you're saying

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24 yes?

A. Yes.

A. I don't know. I mean, I don't know how

23 Q. How many others?

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25 many.

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Q.	What did y	you do wit	h those	résumés?		1	į

- 2 What did you use them for? 3
  - A. To seek employment.
- Q. Did you submit them to prospective 4
- 5 employers?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you put them on websites or the
- online places you can submit an application?
- 9
- 10 Q. Is this résumé the same as you would
- 11 have submitted to other employers, just updated?
- 12
- 13 Q. Any other changes you can think of on
- 14 it?
- 15 A. I mean, I no longer work at Pike Road
- 16 Elementary School, so that would not say through
- 17 present.
- Q. Right. It was updated to show the most
- 19 recent; is that correct?
- 20 A. I haven't updated it. This is the most
- 21 recent one.
- 22 Q. Okay. Since Pike Road?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Can you look -- why is there no
- 25 reference to you working for Dynamic Security?

- Page 259 and that's not on here either. So that doesn't
- mean it's inaccurate. That just means I didn't
- 3 put it on there.
- 4 Q. You just chose not to put it on there?
  - A. Yes.

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- 6 Q. And submitted this as if this was your
- 7 complete résumé to employers?
- 8 A. It is. I worked all these jobs.
- 9 Q. Is there any -- babysitting when you
- 10 were younger is one thing than working for a
- company. Is there any reason you didn't -- you
- decided not to put Dynamic Security or any
- 13 company with the name Hyundai in it on this
- 14 résumé?
- 15 A. We're going through legal proceedings.
- 16 So I put this on there and they ask me about it,
- I can't disclose what I'm going through these
- 18 legal proceedings.
  - Q. You can't disclose that you worked
- 20 there? That you worked for Dynamic?
- 21 A. I just didn't put it on there.
- 22 Q. You chose not to put it on there?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Any other companies that you worked for
- 25 that you chose not to put on there because you

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- 1 Or at least I don't see it. Do you see a
- 2 reference to Dynamic Security on here anywhere?
- A. No.
- 4 Q. Do you see a reference to HMMA?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. Or HEA? 6
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Or anything with the name Hyundai in
- 9 it?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Why not?
- A. I just didn't put it on there. 12
- 13 Q. Why not?
- A. One, because I know that we were going
- 15 through this legal thing. And then just -- I
- 16 just didn't put it on there.
- 17 Q. And you were submitting this to
- 18 prospective employers?
- 19
- 20 Q. So the information you were submitting
- 21 to them wasn't accurate, was it?
- 22 A. It was accurate.
- 23 Q. It was missing one of your employers;
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. I mean, I used to babysit when I was 15

- didn't want to have to talk about them?
- A. Well, when I was in high school, I
- 3 stamped the books at my high school. So I
- didn't put that on there either. Or I did co-op
- 5 in high school. I didn't put that on there
- 6 either.
- 7 Q. Anything else?
- 8 A. I said babysitting already, so no.
- Q. So you talked earlier about when you
- 10 showed up to interview and you interviewed with
- Ms. Robinson and Maurice Chambliss here at this
- 12 location, I believe; correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And on that date, your hair was in
- 15 dreadlocks?
- 16
- 17 Q. In the style that we just looked at in
- 18 these photographs that are marked as Exhibit 31;
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you continued to wear your hair in 21
- 22 that same style throughout the time that you
- 23 were assigned to work at this facility?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Correct?



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1	Page 261 A. On August 1st, I wore a hat, though, as	1	A. Correct.
2	I was instructed.	2	Q. So we may never know exactly what that
3	Q. But you had the same hairstyle?	3	style looked like?
4	A. Well, they couldn't see it because it	4	A. Not that particular style. But if you
5	was covered, as she instructed me to.	5	want to google dreadlock styles in a bun, that's
6	Q. Okay.	6	how it was.
7	A. Cassandra Williams.	7	Q. That's what I would google? Is that
8	Q. Okay. But you had the same hairstyle?	8	what you did to pull it up? Or you said you
9	A. Underneath my hat I did, yes.	9	pulled it off your Facebook?
10	Q. And you said after your interview with	10	A. Yes.
11	Ms. Robinson and Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Robinson	11	Q. And your Facebook account, did you
12	called in Cassandra Williams and asked her about	12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	your hairstyle?	13	A. In yes, I don't have Facebook
14	A. Yes.	14	anymore.
15	Q. And I believe you said that	15	Q. When did you delete did you delete
16	Ms. Williams turned up her nose at your	16	everything that was on your account?
17	` *	17	A. Yes.
18	A. Yes.	18	Q. When did you do that?
19	Q. What do you mean by that?	19	A. In 2018.
20	A. She turned her nose up.	20	Q. After you filed your EEOC charge?
21	Q. What is that? Like did she say	21	A. I did it after January 2018.
22	-	22	Q. And what else did you delete on social
23	A. Like if you see something you don't	23	media?
24	like	24	A. Nothing.
25	Q. Uh-huh.	25	Q. LinkedIn?
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1	A. You turn that's what she did.	1	A. I it served no purpose. LinkedIn is
2	Q. And she asked if you could take it	2	not social media. It's a job networking site.
3	down?	3	Q. Did you have a LinkedIn account?
4	A. Yes.	4	A. I did at one time, yes.
5	Q. And she asked if you could get it cut?	5	Q. Did you delete it?
6	A. Nope. She asked me could I take it	6	A. I did.
7	down, and I told her I would have to cut all of	7	Q. When did you delete that?
8	my hair off.	8	A. I don't remember.
9	Q. Okay. So on that date, July 19th, she	9	Q. Was it after you worked at Dynamic?
10	turned up her nose, asked if you could change	10	A. I don't remember. I mean, I don't
11	your hairstyle, put it up; correct?	11	remember. It probably I don't remember. I
12	A. She asked if I could take it down.	12	don't remember.
13	Q. Take it down. And in one of your	13	Q. Any other either social media or job
14	earlier statements, you said, and as you	14	networking or networking sites that you were on
15	testified today, I believe, in response to that,	15	that you've deleted?
16	you showed her on your phone an alternate	16	A. I don't remember all the job networking
17	hairstyle?	17	sites I joined, and I don't remember if I
18	A. Yes.	18	mean, I don't I don't remember which ones

- 19 Q. With your hair up in a bun?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. But we don't have that image, as we've
- 22 talked about earlier today, because it's on that 22
- 23 phone maybe?
- 24 A. Yes.

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Q. But it may not be; correct?

- on
- 19 I've joined because I've joined a lot of them,
- 20 so.
- Q. Do you remember deleting any others? 21
- A. I don't know.
- Q. You don't know one way or the other? 23
- 24 A. No, I don't.
- 25 Q. Do you know if there's anything



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- 1 relating to this case on any of those sites?
- A. There is not. 2
- Q. Other than the Facebook site which had
- 4 the image which you say you showed to Cassandra
- 5 Williams; correct?
- A. There's nothing related to this case on
- 7 any other sites and there never was. I showed
- her a picture of a hairstyle that I had.
- Q. On your Facebook account?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Which is now deleted?
- 12 A. If I was a white woman, would you be
- 13 questioning my hair?
- Q. Which is now deleted; is that correct? 14
- 15 You want to take a break?
- 16 A. Nope.
- 17 Q. Let's take a break.
- 18 A. No, I don't. I want you to feel my
- 19 pain.
- 20 Q. I need you to answer my questions.
- 21 A. I no longer have Facebook; that is
- 22 correct.
- 23 Q. So Ms. Williams and Ms. Robinson, you
- 24 showed them the picture on Facebook of a
- 25 hairstyle that was up, an up-do style, and they

style on August 1st?

- 2 A. I was told on July 31st that I could
- 3 return if I wore a hat to completely cover my
- head. So I complied with that, and I let them
- 5 know that I would get my hair done that weekend.
- Q. Okay. I appreciate that. But my
- 7 question --
- 8 A. No, I didn't.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 At any point while you worked for
- Dynamic, did you put your hair in the up-do
- style that was similar to the picture that you
- 13 showed to Cassandra and Ms. Robinson?
  - A. No.

- 15 Q. And we can go back and look at -- let's
- 16 see. It's Exhibit 15, I believe.
- 17 Okay. This was your EEOC charge
- 18 against HMMA; correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. All right. Read for me beginning "On
- 21 or about July 31st."
- 22 A. "On or about July 31st" -- the date is
- 23 wrong. It should be 2017 -- "I showed up for my
- first day at work and Ms. Williams asked me why
- I had not changed my hairstyle (dreadlocks) as

- 1 told you that was acceptable; that that would be 2 okay?
- A. Yes. 3
- Q. And that was on July 19th? 4
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And then you went to the Dynamic
- 7 Security site for sometime after that for
- training; correct?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that was either on July 21st or
- 11 27th? Is that what we've decided today?
- 12
- Q. When you went to the Dynamic Security 13
- site for training, had you put your hair into
- that up-do style?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. When you came back to this facility on
- 18 July 31st, had you put your hair in that up-do
- 19 style?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. On August 1st, had you put your hair in
- 22 that up-do style?
- 23 A. I wore a hat, as I was instructed, on
- 24 August 1st.
- 25 Q. Had you put your hair in that up-do

- she had instructed me to during my job
- interview."
- 3 Do you want me to read the rest of
- 4 the --
- 5 Q. No, that's all I'm asking.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Thank you.
- 8 So when you came back the first time to
- 9 start work on July 31st, Ms. Williams asked you
- why you had not changed your hairstyle as she'd
- 11 instructed you; correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And what was your response to her?
- 14 A. I told her that when I went to my
- 15 training, I asked Nicole if my hair was okay,
- 16 and she said there was nothing wrong with it.
- And I said also that the Dynamic handbook
- doesn't have -- doesn't say anything against me
- wearing my hair like this.
- 20 Q. Anything else?
- 21 A. That's all that I said.
- 22 Q. Ms. Williams had told you on July 19th
- 23 that you needed to change it?
- A. She said that she didn't know what
- 25 Dynamic's policy was.



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- Q. And she asked you on the 31st why you
- 2 had not changed it as instructed though;
- 3 correct?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And did you tell her, "You never told
- me that"?
- 7 A. No, I told her that --
- 8 Q. That somebody --
- A. -- per Dynamic -- per the handbook,
- 10 which you have exhibits for, it didn't -- it
- said that -- it didn't say that I could not wear
- 12 my hair like that. Because the first thing she
- 13 asked when she was -- Gloria Robinson asked her
- 14 about my hair was, "What does Dynamic's policy
- 15 say?" So I referred to Dynamic's policy. And
- 16 their policy was not against me wearing my hair
- 17 like this.
- 18 Q. And Ms. Williams showed you the
- 19 grooming policy that we looked at, which I
- 20 believe is Exhibit Number 8, on her computer;
- 21 correct?

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- 22 A. Yes. Reluctantly.
- 23 Q. And that policy said that dreadlocks
- 24 were not permitted?
- A. For female officers; correct. 25

- Page 271 1 A. I did not see any males or any white
- 2 people. That does not mean that they did not
- 3 have them.
- 4 Q. This is -- this document, 33, what is
- 5 this?
- 6 A. An email.
- 7 Q. It was sent from you?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. On February 24, 2020, to Richard Cohen?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Is that the same Richard Cohen that was
- 12 at Southern Poverty Law Center at one time?
- 13 A. I'm not sure.
  - Q. And you sent this -- a very similar
- 15 email, almost identical, to a number of sources,
- 16 didn't vou?

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- A. Yes. 17
- 18 Q. In it, in the, I guess the third
- 19 paragraph, you say "I was told that I had no
- right to see the policy and that they did not
- have to show it to me. This individual then
- 22 went on to say that males could wear their hair
- 23 in the dreadlock style but females were only
- 24 allowed to wear their hair in braids. I
- 25 contested this as I felt it was discriminatory

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- Q. Were they permitted for males?
- A. I didn't see the male policy until
- 3 today. And according to what I saw today, no.
- Q. Did anybody tell you that dreadlocks
- 5 were not -- were only prohibited for females?
- 6 A. I don't remember.
- 7 Q. Would you remember that if somebody had
- 8 said it?
- A. I don't know. I know I was told that I
- 10 could wear my hair like that and that females
- 11 could wear braids.
- Q. Did you ever see any males wearing 12
- 13 dreadlocks at the facility?
- 14 A. I wasn't here long enough to really see 15 anybody.
- 16 Q. Did you ever see any males wearing
- 17 dreadlocks at the facility?
- MR. MILLER: Mark this as 33. 19 (Defendants' Exhibit 33 was marked 20
  - for identification.)
- Q. You can answer. Did you ever see any 21
- males wearing dreadlocks at the facility? 22
- 23 A. No.

- 24 Q. Did you ever see any white people
- 25 wearing dreadlocks at the facility?

- and I was told females can wear braids because
- one is able to see their scalp with that
- hairstyle."
- 4 Did anybody that you can recall tell
- 5 you that males could wear their hair in a
- dreadlock style?
- 7 A. Cassandra Williams showed me the
- policy, so she would be the one who had made
- 9 this comment.
- 10 Q. Did she actually say this?
- 11 A. Reading it, I recall, yes, she did.
- 12 Q. So you're saying today that she told
- 13 you that males could wear dreadlocks but females
- 14 couldn't?
- 15 A. She said they just had started that.
- 16 Q. They just had started what?
- 17 A. I guess letting the males wear their
- 18 hair in a dreadlock style.
- Q. Why is none of that mentioned in any of
- 20 your EEOC charges, in your lawsuit, anywhere
- 21 else other than this email?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- 23 Q. So the dreadlock policy -- so males --
- 24 she told you and what you understood was that
- 25 males, regardless of what their race was,



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- 1 regardless what their national origin was,
- 2 whatever, could wear their hair in dreadlocks
- 3 but women couldn't; is that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. You also state in a couple of different
- 6 documents we can look at, I believe, that your
- 7 hairstyle you thought became a problem only
- 8 after you told Gloria Robinson that you were
- 9 pregnant; is that accurate?
- 10 A. I think that it -- I think that it was
- 11 focused on more.
- 12 Q. Focused on what more?
- 13 A. My hair.
- 14 Q. In your opinion, do you believe that
- 15 you would have been removed from this location
- 16 at Hyundai if you had not disclosed your
- 17 pregnancy?
- 18 A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. In your disclosures that
- 20 Mr. Middlebrooks went over earlier, there's some
- 21 people listed, and he went through each person.
- 22 Do you remember that? Like individuals' names
- 23 and asked you about them and who they worked
- 24 for?

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25 A. Yes.

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  Q. So your husband about the case. Your
- 2 mom, grandmother, aunt, and husband about the
- 3 end of your employment?
- 4 A. Yes.

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- Q. Do you remember any of those
- 6 conversations?
  - A. Just how I felt about it.
- 8 Q. And how did you feel?
- 9 A. Like I was telling Mr. Wes, just less
- 10 than a woman, a black woman.
- 11 "Black woman." You just said "less
- 12 than a woman." I want you --
- 13 Q. Sure. Well, my handwriting --
  - A. Oh, okay.
- 15 Q. All right. Is there anything else you
- 16 talked with them about?
- 17 A. Just with my husband about was I making
- 18 the right decision in having a child.
  - Q. What did that have to do with this
- 20 case?
- 21 A. Because I feel like that I was fired
- 22 because I was pregnant and I had dreadlocks. So
- 23 it made me question had I made the right
- 24 decision being pregnant.
- Q. Did it make you question that you made

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- 1 Q. Okay. Other than that document and who
- 2 we've talked about today, are there any other
- 3 people who you think would be witnesses in your
- 4 case or might be witnesses in your case?
  - A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Well, anybody you can think of? This
- 7 is my last chance to ask you, why I'm --
  - A. I mean, I don't know. She spoke with
- 9 me in her office cubicle. I mean, I don't know
- 10 who was there. Ray Cureton spoke with me in the
- 11 lobby of his office building. So I don't know
- 12 anybody heard or did not hear, so I don't -- I
- 13 can't answer that because I don't know.
- 14 Q. That's fair. I'm asking you is there
- 15 anybody you can identify who you think would be
- 16 a witness in your case you've not talked about
- 17 today?

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- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. What about your family members? Have
- 20 you talked to any of them about this case?
- 21 A. I talked to my husband.
- 22 Q. Have you talked to any family members
- 23 about your termination or your resignation,
- 24 whatever you want to call it, from Dynamic?
  - A. My mom and my grandmother and an aunt.

- Page 276 the right decision about not changing your
- 2 hairstyle?
  - A. That too, yes. It made me feel less
- 4 than as who I was in my identity.
- 5 Q. If you could go back in time to when
- 6 you were working at Dynamic, is there anything
- 7 you would do differently?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Have you ever had any type of criminal
- 10 convictions?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Is there anything about your case that
- 13 you think is important that you haven't been
- 14 asked today by this multitude of lawyers?
- 15 A. I don't know. That would take me some
- 16 time to really like -- that's a -- I'd have to
- 17 really think about that question. It's kind
- 18 of --

- 19 Q. Sitting here right now -- you can take
- 20 all the time you want.
- 21 Sitting here today, is there anything
- 22 else that you can think about that's important?
- 23 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: You want to take a
- 24 break while she thinks about it?
  - MR. MILLER: Yeah, this would be good.



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1	Well, actually, can we finish that	1 to her about it at all; correct?	
2	question?	2 A. No, she didn't make any not to me	
3	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Okay.	3 she didn't make any comments.	
4	A. Can you repeat it so I can just Can	4 Q. Let me just check over real quick. I	
5	you repeat the question? I'm sorry.	5 may be done.	
6	MR. MILLER: That's okay. Let's	6 You had testified earlier that	
7	we'll strike that question for now and we'll	7 Ms. Robinson was maybe raising her voice when	
8	take a break.	8 she was talking to you about your hairstyle?	
9	(Break.)	9 MR. REDMOND: Object to the form.	
10	Q. (BY MR. MILLER:) Before we went on our	10 Q. (BY MR. MILLER:) Did you say that?	
11	break, I asked you is there anything else that	11 A. Yes.	
12	you think is important about your claims that we	12 Q. And that Ms. Williams had raised her	
13	haven't talked about today. Have you thought of	13 voice?	
14	anything else?	14 A. Yes.	
15	A. I mean, just to basically have who I am	15 Q. Is it fair to say that they were both	
16	questioned, my identity questioned.	16 upset with you about the fact that you had	
17	Q. Anything else?	17 challenged your hairstyle? Is that what you're	
18	A. My role, my motherhood questioned.	18 saying?	
19	Q. Anything else?	19 A. Yes.	
20	A. That's what I can think of right now.	20 MR. MILLER: I think that's all I have.	
21	Q. When did you first learn you were	21 Thank you.	
22	pregnant?	22 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: Two questions.	
23	A. In May of 2017.	23 MS. PALMER: You want me to go first?	
24	Q. May of 2017?	24 Or do you want to go first?	
25	A. Yes.	25 MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: I might have three	
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1	Q. So a couple of months before you	1 after that.	
2	applied out at Dynamic?	2 MS. PALMER: Okay.	
3	A. Yes.	3 EXAMINATION	
4	Q. About three months? About two and a	4 BY MS. PALMER:	
5	half months?	5 Q. Flip for me, if you would, in those	
6	A. Yes.	6 exhibits to what was Defendants' Exhibit 13.	
7	Q. Cassandra Williams, she is an African	7 And I'm going to point you to all three of them,	
8	American female?	8 okay? So we've got Defendants' 13,	
9	A. Yes.	9 Defendants' 14, and Defendants' 15. Is that	
10	Q. Did she ever say anything negative to	10 your questionnaire and two EEOC charges?	
11	you about your race?	11 A. Yes.	
12	A. She just looked turned up her nose	12 Q. Tell me how the process worked for you	
13	in disgust about my hair.	13 to file an EEOC charge.	
14	Q. Did she ever say anything negative	14 A. I called, and they told me where they	
15	about your race?	15 were located. And then when I went there, I met	
16	A. That's about my race, my hair.	16 with an investigator. And, you know, she asked	
1	Q. Anything else?	17 me what happened, and I told her. And then she	
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17 18	The state of the s	18 typed up a charge and I signed it.	
18	A. No.	18 typed up a charge and I signed it. 19 Q. Okay. So when you say she typed up a	
18 19	<ul><li>A. No.</li><li>Q. We've already talked about that.</li></ul>	19 Q. Okay. So when you say she typed up a	
18 19 20	<ul><li>A. No.</li><li>Q. We've already talked about that.</li><li>What about did you have any discussions</li></ul>	19 Q. Okay. So when you say she typed up a 20 charge, are you talking about Defendants' 14?	
18 19 20 21	A. No.     Q. We've already talked about that.     What about did you have any discussions with Cassandra at all about the fact that you	19 Q. Okay. So when you say she typed up a 20 charge, are you talking about Defendants' 14? 21 Is that what she typed up?	
18 19 20	<ul><li>A. No.</li><li>Q. We've already talked about that.</li><li>What about did you have any discussions</li></ul>	19 Q. Okay. So when you say she typed up a 20 charge, are you talking about Defendants' 14?	



Q. She didn't make any negative comments

25 about you being pregnant because you didn't talk 25 Exhibit 14?

24 information in these boxes on Defendants'

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- 2 Q. Did you type in the information on the
- 3 boxes on Defendants' Exhibit 15?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Did you fill out the information that's
- 6 handwritten on Defendants' Exhibit 13?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And when you did that and you listed
- 9 Hyundai, why did you list Hyundai?
- A. Because that's where I was working.
- 11 Q. Okay. Did you have any understanding
- 12 that there might be HMMA and HEA and any other
- 13 number of Hyundai entities as we've heard today?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. When you did your onboarding and
- 16 training with Dynamic and then your safety
- 17 training with Hyundai, did anybody tell you at
- 18 that point that there were different Hyundai
- 19 entities?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Did anybody tell you at that point that
- 22 you weren't working for a global Hyundai?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. We are taking your deposition today
- 25 here at the Hyundai plant, which is where you

- 1 A. Yes.
  - Q. You went through an unemployment
- 3 hearing after your unemployment was denied;
- 4 right?

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- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Can you tell me about that hearing?
- 7 Who was there?
- 8 A. Donna, I think it's Foshee, was over
- 9 it, and then it was myself and Ray Cureton.
  - Q. And can you tell me what happened at
- 11 that hearing, what was said during that hearing?
  - A. She just listened to both of our sides.
- 13 And, you know, she asked Mr. Cureton like why
- 14 were they contesting my unemployment. And he
- 15 said -- he was saying like that I wouldn't
- 16 accept, you know, certain jobs. And then when
- 17 I -- when it was my turn to speak, I -- you
- 18 know, I spoke with him and then her and I said I
- 19 didn't say that. And he said, "That is correct;
- 20 she didn't say that. She just said she
- 21 preferred a first shift job but that she would
- 22 accept anything."
- 23 Q. And that was Ray Cureton?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And just to clarify, flip for me to

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- 1 were assigned to work; right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And we're actually in the Security
- 4 Building where you spent some of your time;
- 5 right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Have you noticed any signage in this
- 8 building, any documents posted on the walls or
- 9 logos up on the walls?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what do they all say?
- 12 A. Hyundai.
- 13 Q. Do they say anything else?
- 14 A. Some of like the papers that's set up
- 15 flyers say like HMMA.
- 16 Q. And do you recall when we were outside
- 17 earlier this morning that a vehicle drove up and
- 18 parked out front?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Do you remember it had badging on the
- 21 side of the vehicle?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Do you remember what that badging said?
- 24 A. HMMA Security.
- 25 Q. HMMA Security?

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- 1 Exhibit 22 and Exhibit 25. And I may be
- 2 misstating this, but I think I heard it earlier
- 3 so I just want to clarify.
  - You said -- you testified earlier that
- 5 when you got your file from the EEOC, you did
- 6 that after you got the right to sue. Is that
- 7 what you said?
- 8 A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. Okay. Which right to sue are you
- 10 talking about? Is that Exhibit 22 or
- 11 Exhibit 25?
- 12 A. 25.
- 13 Q. Exhibit 25?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you get Exhibit 22 directly from
- 16 the EEOC?
  - MR. REDMOND: Object to leading.
- 18 A. I don't remember. I requested for my
- 19 complete file, and they sent me whatever they
- 20 had.

- 21 Q. (BY MS. PALMER:) Did you have any
- 22 communications by email with the investigator at
- 23 the EEOC?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And in any of those communications, did



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1	they tell you that they had dismissed the charge	1	CERTIFICATE
2	against Dynamic Security?	2	
3	A. No.	ر	STATE OF ALABAMA
4	MS. PALMER: That's all I have.	4	AT LARGE
5	FURTHER EXAMINATION	5 6	I hereby certify that the above and
6	BY MR. MIDDLEBROOKS:	"	foregoing deposition of DAVITA M. KEY was taken
_		7	down by me in stenotype and the questions and
7	Q. Ms. Key, you had talked about there	8	answers thereto were transcribed by means of computer-aided transcription, and that the
8	being some files in your – journal entries on		foregoing represents a true and correct
9	your cell phone. Do you recall any specific	9	transcript of the testimony given by said
10	journal entries relating to Hyundai Motor	10	witness upon said hearing.
11	Manufacturing, Alabama?		I further certify that I am neither of
12	A. I don't know. I'd have to look at what	11	counsel, nor of kin to the parties to the
13	I wrote because it was about how the whole	12	action, nor am I in anywise interested in the result of said cause.
14	what was going on, so I don't know exactly what	13	I further certify that I am duly
15	it says in the what the journal entries say.	14	licensed by the Alabama Board of Court Reporting as a Certified Court Reporter as evidenced by
16	Q. You don't know what they say?	2.3	the ACCR number following my name found below.
17	A. No.	15	
18	Q. You answered questions from Mr. Redmond	16	So certified on this date, July 5, 2022
	•	17	or determined on this duce, sain of assis
19	3 .	18	
20	If I asked you the same question as related to	19 20	$\rho_{II} \circ \cdot$
21	Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, Alabama, would your	21	Sabrina Lewis
22	answer be any different than those you gave	22 23	/s/Sabrina Lewis, CCR, RDR, CRR
23	Mr. Redmond?	دع	ACCR #165, Expires 9/30/22
24	A. No.	24	Commissioner for the State of
25	MR. MIDDLEBROOKS: That's all.	25	Alabama at Large My commission expires 5/17/23
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